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LEWIS ADAMS

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1980-81	26	60	123	.488	23	31	.742	41	1.6	50	13	3	14	63	35	143	5.5

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS	TAKE CHARGE
FRESHMAN	5th on Team	3rd on Team	7th on Team	1st on Team
HIGH GAME	15 pts - Rutgers 1980-81	5 ast - John Jay 1980-81	2 stl - Rutgers 1980-81	2 chg - Lincoln 1980-81

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner . . . 1980-81
Outstanding Hustler 1980-81
Outstanding Defense 1980-81

SSC SCORING CAREER

55th ranked 143

DEFENSE:(8)

MAN WITH BALL	- Fair, work on taking away options and anticipating
DENYING BALL	- Good, use your quickness and anticipate
HELPING	- Excellent, keep anticipating and moving into position
REBOUNDING	- Good, block out and anticipate where shot will go
TALKING	- Needs Work, help teammates when you can through verbalizing

OFFENSE:(6)

SCORING	- Fair, you must know when to shoot and where- good jumper
GETTING OPEN	- Fair, work on getting open in range and proper timing
PASS/RECEIVE	- Fair, fake and do not telegraph also work on selection
PICKING	- Good, do more often especially to get shooter open
BALL HANDLING	- Fair, really improved - work on right hand and selection of passes (keep short and crisp)

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JOHN BERENS

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	25	96	194	.495	28	55	.509	173	6.9	16	15	1	-	44	61	220	8.8
1979-80	26	159	334	.476	53	78	.679	229	8.8	26	29	5	2	49	64	371	14.3
1980-81	26	213	377	.565	89	124	.718	242	9.3	43	34	7	10	55	46	515	19.8
	77	468	905	.517	170	257	.661	644	8.4	85	78	13	12	148	171	1106	14.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
JUNIOR	1st on Team	1st on Team	5th on Team	1st on Team
SOPHOMORE	3rd on Team	2nd on Team	6th on Team	4th on Team
FRESHMAN	4th on Team	2nd on Team	6th on Team	5th on Team
HIGH GAME	33 pts -York 1980-81	17 reb - Rutgers 79-80 York 1980-81	5 ast - Rutgers 1979-80	4 stl - Frostburg 1979-80

HONORS RECEIVED

3 year Letter Winner . . . 1978-81
All Oneonta Tourney . . . 1979
All Blue Jay Tourney . . . 1980 & 1981
All Gull Classic 1980
All Maryland Honorable Men 1980

SSC CAREER SCORING

6th ranked . . . 1106

SSC CAREER REBOUNDING

5th ranked . . . 644

DEFENSE:(9)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, force man to do what you want more
DENYING BALL - Good, work on doing it all the time when situation warrants
HELPING - Good, anticipate more and move quicker to get into position
REBOUNDING - Excellent, hit boards on every shot
TALKING - Fair, do it more as you are usually in best position

OFFENSE:(11)

SCORING - Excellent, work on foul shot and left hand drive
GETTING OPEN - Good, work on timing and giving target for passer
PASS/RECEIVE - Good, only passing needs more faking and type selection
PICKING - Good, do more often to free perimeter shooters
OFF REBOUNDS - Good, work on going all the time and anticipating shot

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TOM DARCY

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1980-81	7	6	14	.429	4	4	1.000	6	0.9	7	4	1	0	15	6	16	2.3

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS
SOPHOMORE	9th on Team	9th on Team	9th on Team
HIGH GAME	6 pts - M Wash Frostburg 1980-81	2 ast - York 1980-81	2 stl - York 1980-81

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1980-81

DEFENSE:(4)

MAN WITH BALL - Fair, work on taking away his options and anticipate
DENYING BALL - Fair, anticipate what is happening and force away from hoop
HELPING - Fair, move into position with feet and take charge
REBOUNDING - Fair, get position and block out on all shots
TALKING - Needs Work, help your teammates through verbalizing

OFFENSE:(6)

SCORING - Fair, work on short jumper and being a scoring threat
GETTING OPEN - Fair, work on timing and quicker cuts
PASS/RECEIVE - Fair, work on faking and short, crisp passes
PICKING - Fair, look to set more picks to get scorers open
BALL HANDLING - Good, keep working on judgement and running offense

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MORRIS DICKERSON

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	23	31	70	.443	18	28	.643	17	0.7	11	4	0	-	19	19	80	3.5
1979-80	24	41	89	.461	15	21	.714	21	0.9	9	11	0	1	26	25	97	4.0
1980-81	25	95	205	.463	46	56	.821	55	2.2	52	14	1	3	63	48	236	9.4
	72	167	364	.459	79	105	.752	93	1.3	72	29	1	4	108	92	413	5.7

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	ASSISTS	STEALS
SENIOR	3rd on Team	1st on Team	5th on Team
JUNIOR	6th on Team	7th on Team	7th on Team
SOPHOMORE	8th on Team	8th on Team	9th on Team
HIGH GAME	24 pts - Frostburg 1980-81	6 ast - Lincoln 1980-81	2 stl - Several Teams

HONORS RECEIVED

3 year Letter Winner . . . 1978-81

SSC CAREER SCORING

27th ranked . . . 413

SSC CAREER FREE THROW PCT

11th ranked 752

Mo worked at trying to adjust his game to SSC's concepts. It was very difficult, but he never threw the towel in. In his struggle, Mo probably put his best effort all together in his last game as a senior. Mo will be remembered for his sticking it out no matter how bleak things looked - and it paid off. Perhaps his game did not reflect his true character until his final performance against Frostburg. His four years of dedication to SSC basketball will always be appreaciated.

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GEORGE GARRISON

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1978-79	25	26	59	.441	7	14	.500	49	2.0	3	4	5	-	14	30	59	2.4
1979-80	22	19	44	.432	6	11	.545	36	1.6	4	3	2	4	4	29	44	2.0
1980-81	26	65	173	.376	12	22	.545	152	5.8	25	6	5	5	39	81	142	5.5
	73	110	276	.399	25	47	.532	237	3.2	32	13	12	9	57	140	245	3.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	BLOCKED SHOTS	TAKE CHARGE
SENIOR	6th on Team	3rd on Team	2nd on Team	3rd on Team
JUNIOR	7th on Team	7th on Team	5th on Team	4th on Team
SOPHOMORE	9th on Team	5th on Team	3rd on Team	
HIGH GAME	14 pts - V.Wes 1980-81	11 reb - Frost 1980-81	1 blk - Several Teams	1 chg - Several Teams

HONORS RECEIVED

3 year Letter Winner . . 1978-81
Captain 1980-81

SSC CAREER SCORING

38th ranked . . . 245

SSC CAREER REBOUNDING

19th ranked . . . 237

George put a great deal of effort into the SSC basketball program. His senior year finally paid off for him as he developed into a good rebounder. He was a great competitor and learned to play within his game. George's career went through peaks and valleys but he always remained a team player and tried to do what was best for the team. His election as captain by his teammates was a tribute to his unselfishness.

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DENNIS GOTT

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1980-81	10	5	15	.333	4	7	.571	11	1.1	6	2	0	1	9	12	14	1.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS
SENIOR	11th on Team	9th on Team	10th on Team
HIGH GAME	4 pts - UMBC 1980-81	3 reb - UMBC & Frost 1980-81	2 ast - UMBC & M.Wash 1980-1981

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner . . . 1980-81

Dennis stepped in to help out the Gulls when we really needed it. This was a difficult task to try to learn the system and to attempt to get in some type of reasonable playing condition in the middle of the season. Even though Dennis only played in spots, he did a very good job. Dennis will be remembered for his hustle and effort in a most difficult situation.

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GARRY LEVERE

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1980-81	22	51	122	.418	20	37	.541	63	2.9	32	20	1	5	31	50	122	5.5

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
FRESHMAN	7th on Team	4th on Team	6th on Team	3rd on Team
HIGH GAME	14 pts - M Wash Frostburg 1980-81	10 reb - M Wash 1980-81	5 ast - St. Mary 1980-81	4 stl - John Jay 1980-81

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner . . . 1980-81

SSC CAREER SCORING

58th ranked . . . 122

DEFENSE:(8)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, keep working on taking away options and anticipating
DENYING BALL - Good, work on forcing man away from basket
HELPING - Good, anticipate and move into position to take charge
REBOUNDING - Good, work on positioning and blocking out
TALKING - Needs Work, you have to help out teammates through talking

OFFENSE:(7)

SCORING - Fair, work on follow through and when to shoot
GETTING OPEN - Good, work on getting open in close shooting range
PASS/RECEIVE - Good, work on type of pass to use - you see well
PICKING - Fair, work on setting more often
BALL HANDLING - Fair, improved here but work on judgement

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MARK LIVINGSTON

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1980-81	16	3	16	.188	4	7	.571	7	0.4	0	2	0	1	7	3	10	0.6

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	STEALS
SOPHOMORE	12th on Team	11th on Team	10th on Team
HIGH GAME	3 pts - S Garden	2 reb - Lynchburg	1 stl - Two Teams

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner 1980-81

DEFENSE:(2)

MAN WITH BALL - Needs Work, work on anticipation and taking away options
DENYING BALL - Needs Work, Have to force away fromm hoop and anticipate
HELPING - Fair, work on meeting driver to take charge early
REBOUNDING - Fair, work on hands and jumping after gaining position
TALKING - Needs Work, help teammates out by talking all the time

OFFENSE:(4)

SCORING - Fair, work on shot selection and quicker release
GETTING OPEN - Fair, timing and getting open in shooting range
PASS/RECEIVE - Needs Work, have a tendency to hold ball too long
PICKING - Good, keep setting picks
OFF REBOUNDING - Needs Work, anticipate shot and work on timing

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TIM SPONAUGLE

YEAR	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	BLK	TAK CHG	TO	PF	PTS	PPG
1980-81	25	137	281	.488	61	94	.649	171	6.8	52	24	3	2	72	64	335	13.4

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

	SCORING	REBOUNDING	ASSISTS	STEALS
SOPHOMORE	2nd on Team	2nd on Team	1st on Team	2nd on Team
HIGH GAME	27 pts - St. Mary 1980-81	18 reb - Frostburg 1980-81	5 ast - York 1980-81	5 stl - Lehman 1980-81

HONORS RECEIVED

Letter Winner . . . 1980-81
All Wild Goose Tourn 1980

SSC CAREER SCORING	SSC CAREER REBOUNDING
28th ranked . . . 335	28th ranked 171

DEFENSE:(6)

MAN WITH BALL - Good, work on taking more options away
DENYING BALL - Fair, must work to get into position quicker - anticipate
HELPING - Needs work, move feet to get position and take charge
REBOUNDING - Good, work on positioning and blocking out on every shot
TALKING - Fair, be conscious of what is going on and help verbably

OFFENSE:(8)

SCORING - Good, work on taking short jumper and knowing when to drive
GETTING OPEN - Good, work on timing and getting open in shooting range
PASS/RECEIVE - Excellent, you see well and select passes well
PICKING - Fair, look to get teammates open more
BALL HANDLING - Needs work, use better judgement on dribble

SALISBURY STATE STATISTICS

1980 - 1981

PLAYER	G	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	RPG	AST	STL	TAK CHG	LB	BS	TO	PF	PTS	PPG	VAL
BERENS	26	213	377	.565	89	124	.718	242	9.3	43	34	10	16	7	55	46	515	19.8	519
SPONAUGLE	25	137	281	.488	61	94	.649	171	6.8	52	24	2	18	3	72	64	335	13.4	302
DICKERSON	25	95	205	.463	46	56	.821	55	2.2	52	14	3	6	1	63	48	236	9.4	151
GARRISON	26	65	173	.376	12	22	.545	152	5.8	25	6	5	9	5	39	81	142	5.5	151
ADAMS	26	60	123	.488	23	31	.742	41	1.6	50	13	14	16	3	63	35	143	5.5	117
LEVERE	22	51	122	.418	20	37	.541	63	2.9	32	20	5	7	1	31	50	122	5.5	106
DARCY	7	6	14	.429	4	4	1.000	6	0.9	7	4	0	5	1	15	6	16	2.3	12
SCOTT	10	5	15	.333	4	7	.571	11	1.1	6	2	1	3	0	9	12	14	1.4	8
LIVINGSTON	16	3	16	.188	4	7	.571	7	0.4	0	2	1	1	0	7	3	10	0.6	5
GASSAWAY	1	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0	1
WILLIAMS, R.	1	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
SULLIVAN	13	59	150	.393	36	43	.837	31	2.4	36	18	2	5	1	47	22	154	11.8	112
BAKER	8	20	51	.392	8	10	.800	20	2.5	15	14	0	3	0	17	12	48	6.0	49
LAKE	6	6	14	.429	4	7	.571	8	1.3	1	2	0	0	0	4	7	16	2.7	7
BOZMAN	2	4	5	.800	0	0	.000	1	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	4.0	2
WILLIAMS	4	1	5	.200	2	4	.500	6	1.5	0	1	0	0	0	4	4	4	1.0	0
								109											
SSC	26	726	1566	.464	313	446	.702	923	35.5	322	155	43	90	22	407	394	1775	68.3	1595
OPPONENTS	26	829	1725	.481	235	354	.664	947	36.4	345	224	27	48	92	339	446	1892	72.8	1843

RECORD: 7 - 19 (HOME: 4-6; AWAY: 3-13)

DIV I 0-1	SSC	OPP		DIV II 0-2	SSC	OPP		DIV III 6-15	SSC	OPP		NAIA 1-1	SSC	OPP	
VIRGINIA WESLEYAN	80	89	L					RUTGERS-CAMDEN	57	59	L				
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT	80	78	W					GLASSBORO	46	72	L				
JAMES MADISON	54	74	L					UMBC	53	88	L				
SPRING GARDEN	85	54	W					ST. MARY'S	60	71	L				
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	62	64	L					UMBC	74	90	L				
LEHMAN	54	55	L					RUTGERS-NEWARK	50	44	W				
JOHN JAY	96	55	W					MARY WASHINGTON	72	73	L				
JERSEY CITY	82	90	L					LINCOLN	52	57	L				
WESTERN MARYLAND	79	77	W					RUTGERS-CAMDEN	49	48	W				
JOHNS HOPKINS	55	64	L					LYNCHBURG	66	67	L				
LINCOLN	52	84	L					YORK	86	91	L				
LYNCHBURG	71	104	L					ST. MARY'S	80	85	L				
FROSTBURG	70	74	L					FROSTBURG	100	84	W				

Ex-Cav Enters 11th Gull Hoop Year

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

If you go over to Benn Maggs Physical Activities Center sometime, you're likely to see a tall lanky fellow with a neatly trimmed haricut which somehow reminds one of Leave It To Beaver or Father Knows Best or some of those other 1950's television shows.

His hair, however, is graying and the legs don't work like they used to on the basketball court at the University of Virginia. And there aren't any screaming Atlantic Coast Conference crowds anymore.

His name is Ward Lambert and he coaches the Salisbury State College basketball ball team.

Now in his eleventh year as SSC skipper, Lambert has come along way from where University Hall now sits in Charlottesville, Va.

The good old days — everyone remembers them. But to athletes they're even more memorable.

Lambert, for instance, can reflect back on his days as a guard for the Cavaliers. He remembers beating Jerry West and the West Virginia basketball team, a team which finished second in the country that year (1959).

"We were always the spoilers," said Lambert pointing to North Carolina and N.C. State as the teams to beat in the ACC in the late 1950's. "Virginia and Maryland were always about equal back then," he added. And the one thing that's no differenct now, was the excitement generated by the ACC tournament, according to Lambert.

Lambert was not a star for the Cavs. He wasn't even a starter. But he did play varsity for three years and recalls starting a few games in his senior year under coach Billy McCann.

Lambert remembers McCann as the kind of coach who stuck with his starting five most of the time. "We had good teams (.500 or better). We always had five good starters," said Lambert.

After a brief junior varisty coaching job in New Jersey, Lambert returned to college to get his masters in physical education from the University of Maryland.

Stephen Decatur High School (Berlin, Md.) hired Lambert in 1965 as a JV coach and by the following year, the ex-Cavalier would begin a four-year rule of the Bayside Conference.

The Decatur basketball team went 58-19 during Lambert's four years as varsity coach, winning a state title in 1970.

His performance at the Berlin high school earned him the job of building a basketball program at SSC.

"My goal at Salisbury State has been to try and get a basketball program in the upper echelons of Division III," said Lambert. The SSC coach said he wants to build a program that will supply the NCAA with a playoff contender every year. Last season Lambert's troops had their finest season with a 16-10 record, just a few wins short of the playoffs.

One of the ways Lambert has tried to build the program was by upgrading the schedule. There was a time when SSC played just about anyone including pickup teams. But through scheduling tough competition, Lambert has built a reputable program.

In 1974 SSC entered the Mason Dixon Conference. But that was a mistake as the Sea Gulls bit off a little more then they could chew at the time, finishing with poor records two years in a row. By 1977, SSC was no longer in the Mason Dixon conference.

Lambert said he has changed over the years. There was a time when he was a strict disciplinarian but now he rolls with the punches more. He said the major difference between coaching high school and coaching college is that the "athlete is wiser." "You have to reason with him more. He asks more questions. In high school, basketball is their lives. In college there are other things," said Lambert.

Having winning seasons three of the last four years, Lambert hopes he is nearing his goal. And if the knees hold up, who knows?

OLD CAVALIERS NEVER DIE... Salisbury State College basketball coach Ward Lambert (center) looks a little tired during a pickup basketball game at SSC. Lambert, who played for the Virginia Cavaliers in the late 1950's, is entering his eleventh year as head coach of the Sea Gulls. (Times Photo by Mick Calvacca)

SSC Five

Expecting Tough Road

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

Salisbury State College basketball coach Ward Lambert says his Sea Gulls will probably have to win 20 games this season in order to make the NCAA Division III playoffs. That won't be an easy task for the young Gulls.

SSC is coming off its best season ever, finishing last year with a 16-10 record. But it will be the same old story for the Gulls this year as the competition (Division III) is scarce, making the Gull schedule very tough having to play outside the division.

Lambert believes his club must win one of its first two games this weekend in Newport News, Va. The Gulls open with Virginia Wesleyan on Friday and then turn around and take on Christopher Newport on Saturday. Next Tuesday SSC travels to Harrisonburg, Va. to meet the Division I James Madison University Dukes.

"Most coaches like to start off their season with an easy game at home," said Lambert. But that isn't possible when the pickings are slim to begin with.

The location off SSC was a problem faced by football coach Bill Yeagle this year. It probably kept the Gulls out of post-season play for the second year in a row. Independent colleges, like Salisbury, are in a position of taking what they can get when they can get it.

To illustrate the problem even further, the Gulls had to settle for an inner-squad scrimmage on Monday instead of playing another school. NCAA Division III rules state that a team can only play 26 games including scrimmages. Lambert said he would rather play the games during the regular season than sacrifice one or two for practice games.

Even with scheduling problems plaguing SSC, the season will begin in two days and Lambert is hoping his team can get off to a fast start.

Lambert labels this year's team as a "young" squad — not in years, but in experience.

The starting five include guards (co-captain) Greg Sullivan and Sedric Baker. At the foward spots are John Berens and Tim Sponaugle while at center is (co-captain) George Garrison. Baker and Sponaugle are both sophomores.

Beren, who started at center last year, has been moved to foward in order to allow the 6-6 Garrison to play the middle for defensive purposes. Lambert said he will look for Beren to do more scoring from the outside. The 6-5 foward averaged 14 points at center last season.

Sponaugle, one of four transfers on the SSC roster, is 6-4 and a good streak type shooter according to his coach.

While Lambert doesn't actually run a point guard offense, his main ball handler this season will be Baker (also a transfer). Lambert said Baker has done "very well in adjusting to the SSC offense" and is capable of scoring. Most of the scoring from the backcourt, however, will come from Sullivan.

Garrison hasn't seen a lot of playing time and won't be expected to score many points. What Lambert does expect from him, however, is good steady defensive play, fine rebounding and possibly cleaning up on the offensive boards.

Lambert has gone with a man-to-man defense in the past, but with a fair to good size team and not a whole lot of speed, the Gulls will probably stay in the zone more this season.

Basically, its the same schedule for SSC this year. The tough games include an away contest at Madison, a game at Jersey City (ranked third in Division III), a match-up with the University of Maryland Baltimore County and this weekend's opponents.

"If we could win two of our first three games, that would be tremendous," said Lambert who is entering his eleventh year at SSC.

Last year SSC was apparently playoff bound with a 14-5 record. But two losses in a row sent the Gulls back. Lambert hopes to get off to another fast start this season, possibly carrying through to the playoffs.

GARRISON SHOT. Salisbury State College co-captain, George Garrison, goes up for a shot in a practice session Tuesday while his teammates look on. SSC opens its season Friday against Virginia Wesleyan in Newport News, Va. (Times Photo by Mick Calvacca)

Center Garrison Gives SSC More Versatility

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

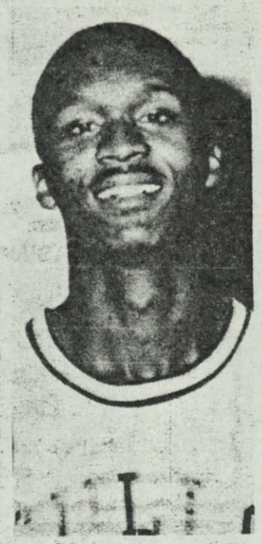
At 6-6, 185 pounds, Salisbury State College basketball senior co-captain George Garrison isn't going to muscle many players out under the boards. The tall, thin center will, however, give the Gulls a solid defense and hopefully add a few extra points offensively.

Garrison, a graduate of North Hampton (Va.) High School, is labeled a "late maturer" by SSC coach Ward Lambert who has juggled the SSC line up in order to get Garrison's size in the starting five.

Lambert moved 6-5 John Berens, last season's starting center, to foward. With Berens (one of the Gulls' leading scorers) at foward and Garrison at center, Lambert is able to get size, defense and scoring on the floor at the same time.

Garrison is not a scoring center as was Berens. But the North Hampton grad is capable of picking up "the junk" on the offensive boards, and any points he scores will be an added bonus for the Sea Gulls.

"He stays within his limits," said Lambert who calls Garrison "very coachable."



George Garrison

While Garrison doesn't carry much weight, he does possess a lot of speed. Lambert is counting on speed giving his big man an edge over other centers. "I'm hoping he can beat other centers down court so we can run the fastbreak," said Lambert.

Another plus for the SSC center is his jumping ability. Garrison may not have the muscle but he can get off the floor. Lambert said Garrison also works on positioning to compensate for his weight.

Garrison first caught the eye of Lambert in a junior varsity game three years ago. Garrison had 21 rebounds and 18 points in that game and was well on his way to becoming the Gulls' varsity center. "He showed real potential in that game," added Lambert.

In his sophomore year, Garrison made varsity and was getting some playing time by the end of the season.

Patients guided Garrison through his junior year as playing time was limited again on an SSC squad that finished with a 16-10 record, the best in the school's history and the closest SSC ever came to making the NCAA Division III playoffs.

This season Garrison will get his chance and is expected to lead the defense.

As for his size and durability, Lambert isn't worried. "George can dish it right back out," said Lambert about his late maturer.

Gulls At Home Monday

A new concept in Salisbury State College basketball will unfold Monday night in the annual SSC maroon and gold intra-squad game at 8 p.m. This will be one of only three home appearances for the Sea Gulls before Feb. 3.

Head Coach Ward Lambert said this week the new Sea Gulls will be replacing the scoring and muscle of since-departed Juan Gabourel and Jim Hunt with hustle and team play in the likes of Greg Sullivan, George Garrison, John Berens and Don Juan-Lee Williams.

Va. Wesleyan In Tournament

NEWPORT NEWS—Virginia Wesleyan, winner of two of its first three starts, faces Salisbury State in the Christopher Newport Tip-off Doubleheader at 7 o'clock tonight.

The host Captains will meet Marietta College of Ohio in the second game. Virginia Wesleyan and Christopher Newport, members of the Dixie Conference, switch opponents Saturday night.

After three games, guard Lonnie Blow is leading the Marlins in scoring with a 24-points average. Center John Bledsoe is next with 16 points a game. Norm Billups leads in rebounds with 13 a game.

Along with Blow, Bledsoe, and Billups, coach Don Forsyth plans to start Barry Whitehead at point guard, and Mike Evans at a forward position.

Salisbury State will be making its season debut against the Marlins.

Forsyth said he was pleased with the Marlins' balanced attack in Tuesday's 99-86 victory over Hampden-Sydney. Blow had 28 points, Billups 22, Whitehead 16, and Evans 12.

Berens Nets 21, But Gulls Bow

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — John Berens, a Cape Henlopen High product out of Lincoln, Del., poured in a game high 21 points, but it wasn't enough for Salisbury State College Friday night as the Sea Gulls dropped their season basketball opener to Virginia Wesleyan here 89-80.

SSC, trailing 43-35 at the intermission, got double figures scoring from Tim Sponaugle, George Garrison and guard Greg Sullivan. Sponaugle, another Cape product, threw in 15 as did Sullivan. Garrison popped in 14 in the losing cause. Virginia Wesleyan is now 3-1 on the season. SSC faced Christopher Newport College here Saturday night.

Sullivan Star In Gulls Win Over Newport

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. — Greg Sullivan sank the winning bucket with six seconds remaining to lift Salisbury State College to an 80-78 victory over host Christopher Newport College here Saturday night.

Sullivan tied the game for SSC with 41 seconds as he grabbed a rebound off the SSC backboard and put it back up and in.

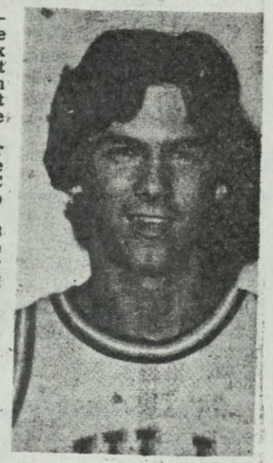
The Sea Gulls trailed 49-38 at the half, but turned the tables on the host team by outscoring them 42-29 during the second half of action.

SSC Coach Ward Lambert said, "The team played an excellent game to come away with the win."

John Berens led the Gulls with 27 points followed by Sullivan with 24 markers and George Garrison chipped in with 10 tallies.

SSC, now 1-1, will face James Madison University, a division I school, Tuesday night on the road and Lambert believes this will be the toughest team on the Gulls schedule this year.

SSC (80): Berens 12 3-4 27, Sullivan 6 12-12 24, Garrison 4 2-4 10, Sponaugle 3 2-3 8, Adams 2 0-0 4, Dickerson 2 0-0 4. Williams 1 0-0 2, Baker 0 1-2 1. (Totals: 30 20-26 80).



John Berens

CNC (78): White 9 1-2 19, Eure 8 0-0 16, Lyons 7 2-2 16, Jarvis 4 2-4 10, Ross 3 0-0 6, Moore 2 1-2 5, Thomas 1 0-0 2, Willis 1 0-0 2, Waclowski 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 36 6-10 78)

Halftime score: Christopher Newport 49, SSC 38.

Background Aids Sea Gull

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

Mention St. Johns High School in Washington, D.C., and basketball is bound to enter your mind.

Salisbury State College co-captain Greg Sullivan (6-0, 170 pound guard) played his high school ball at St. Johns. While he wasn't a starter on the powerful high school team, he did learn enough skills to make the Sea Gull squad.

"St. Johns is a super school," said SSC coach Ward Lambert. "His coach called me and told me that he (Sullivan) wanted to come to Salisbury. Before that, I never heard of the kid," said Lambert.

Sullivan played "excellent freshman ball," according to Lambert. In his sophomore year he was the second string point guard for the varsity Gulls.

A gap in Sullivan's career came the following season as the D.C. native decided not to return to SSC for his junior year. "It was just one of those things," said Lambert. "I think the year off helped him when he returned," added the Gull coach.

Coming back last year, it took Sullivan almost the entire season to get back into the swing of things. But by the end of the season, Lambert knew that Sullivan would have to be one of the players to lead the young Gulls in 1980-81.

Assistant coach Paul Nolan describes Sullivan as a hard-nosed player who is more than willing to help some of the younger players on the team.

Relentless defense is probably Sullivan's greatest asset. "If you score on Sullivan, you've earned it," said Lambert.

Defense is something the Gull guard has had to work on over the years, according to Lambert. He didn't come to SSC as a naturally good defender, although he did have a fine basketball background being out of St. Johns.

Body position seems to be the key to Sullivan's success on defense. He's not fast but he is smart and strong, according to Lambert. He also knows how to avoid fouls which is quite a task for a pressure type guard.

Offensively, Sullivan doesn't like the responsibility of running the team and therefore will yeild the point guard spot to sophomore transfer Sedric Baker. But in a pressure situation, Sullivan likes the challenge and welcomes an opportunity to take the last shot in a close game.

Lambert is looking for the D.C. native to score between 12 and 15 points a game and hopes his leadership qualities can carry the young Gulls to another winning season.

Lambert Sees Hope For Madison

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

HARRISONBURG, Va. — It took the Salisbury State College Sea Gulls three halves of basketball to begin to show life this weekend. And in the end, the Gulls took a split in Newport News, Va., but more importantly, they gave SSC coach Ward Lambert some hope going into tonight's game against James Madison University.

After losing its opening game 89-80 to Virginia Wesleyan on Friday, the Gulls fought back from a 15-point deficit to even their record at 1-1 with an 80-78 win against Christopher Newport on Saturday.

Lambert said he was impressed with his young team's ability to fight back in the second game, playing sound defense and shooting over 13 percentage points better against Christopher Newport than it did in the opening contest. The eleventh year coach hopes the victory will act as a springboard for tonight's game against the Dukes and this weekend's Gull Classic tournament at SSC.

Madison is the toughest team the Gulls will meet this season, according to Lambert. JMU has been a Division I school for four years and clearly out-mans the smaller Division III Gulls who lost to the Dukes 76-55 two years ago in the only meeting between the two clubs.

Still, it is important that the Gulls have a good showing against the Virginia powerhouse. "We have to play close to perfect and limit them to one shot each time down," said Lambert.

John Berens (6-5), who is averaging 24 points over two games, will probably be SSC's best offensive hope against Madision. His 27 points against Christopher Newport was a career high for the strong foward.

Madison, according to Lambert, boasts at least five players who are capable of scoring in double figures. The Dukes will have added inspiration in that this will be their home opener.

The Gulls won't open their home season until this Friday in the fifth annual Gull Classic tournament. This year's edition of the Gull Classic will include the SSC girls' basketball team and it opponents (Bloomsburg, Delaware State and Virginia Wesleyan).

For the Gulls, winners of three of the four classics so far, the opening game will be a 9 p.m. contest against Spring Garden College (Philadelphia, Pa.). York College will take on St. Thomas Aquinas in the 5 p.m. match up. The winners of each game will play at 9 p.m. on Saturday for the championship.

While the field is balanced, Lambert hopes his team can play the kind of defense that won Saturday's game. The Gulls' man-to-man defense caused 15 Christopher Newport turnovers in the second half of that game. In the opening game, however, SSC was slightly hesistant and payed for it.

A pleasant surprise in the early going, has been the offensive play of center George Garrison. The 6-7 Gull co-captain man, who is mainly thought of for his defense, is averaging 12 points and can't be taken lightly by the Dukes or by any team in this weekend's tournament.

Lambert also is pleased with his squad's foul shooting so. The Gulls are hitting 75 percent from the charity stripe. Co-captain Greg Sullivan hit 12-of-12 foul shot attempts in the second half of Saturday's game.

Lambert said he plans to work on his defense zone, fullcourt press and rebounding this week as those were the area's the SSC coach felt were the weakest.

GULL GAB: "We played like it was our first game," said Lambert after his team's loss on Friday... SSC is certainly at a disadvantage having to play its first three games in Virginia with JMU (six-hour trip) topping the list... Don Juan Williams, Lambert's sixth man, will not make the trip to Harrisonburg tonight. Williams injured his ankle this weekend but is expected to be ready by Friday.

Scouting Report

Dukes Open Home Slate With Gulls

The James Madison University's basketball Dukes, coming off a surprising showing in the Lapchick Memorial Tournament last weekend, make their first home appearance of the season tonight when JMU hosts Salisbury State College at Godwin Hall.

JMU is 1-1 after scoring a 49-47 overtime victory over Weber State College Saturday night in the consolation game of the Lapchick Tournament. The Dukes led nationally-ranked St. John's University for much of the first half in Friday's opening round before dropping a 67-58 decision to the Redmen. St. John's and Weber State both participated in the NCAA Tournament last season.

Salisbury State also brings a 1-1 record to Godwin Hall after spliting games in the Christopher Newport College Tip-off Doubleheader last weekend. The Sea Gulls, who were 16-10 last season, lost their opener to Virginia Wesleyan College 89-80 Friday. They rebounded Saturday to defeat Christopher Newport 80-78 after trailing by 11 points at halftime.

"The main thing for us is to come down from the trip to New York and to be ready to play basketball," JMU coach Lou Campanelli said. "It's another week and the Lapchick Tournament is behind us — we have to be ready to play."

The Dukes definitely were ready to play in their two games last weekend. "I was impressed with the composure we showed," Campanelli said, noting that JMU was playing in one of the best tournament fields in the nation. "We played with good poise and confidence, particularly when we were behind, and I think that's the mark of a good team."

Junior forward Linton Townes "showed flashes of outstanding basketball," Campanelli said and was named to the all-tournament team. He shot 55 percent from the field and grabbed 13 rebounds in the two games.

Sophomore guard Charles Fisher tied Townes for team scoring honors in the tournament with 26 points while freshman guard Derek Steele came off the bench to play well in both games. Steele hit his only shot from the field in the tournament and connected on seven of nine free throw attempts. He played 18 minutes in the two games.

Sea Gulls Routed By Madison

HARRISONBURG, Va. — The Salisbury State College basketball team will be glad to come home this weekend after a three-game road stretch which ended in a 74-54 defeat to James Madison University here Tuesday night. The loss now puts Salisbury's record at 1-2 going into the Gull Classic on Friday.

Dan Ruland and Linton Townes led a 16-2 spree in the first half that broke the game open. The Dukes went from a 6-4 deficit to a 20-8 lead. The Sea Gulls never got closer than 14 points in the second frame.

John Berens led the Sea Gull scorers with 18 points but the only other Sea Gull to break into double figures was Tim Sponaugle who collected 11 points.

Madison, a Division I team, clearly out-sized and out-man the Division III Sea Gulls. Coach Ward Lambert said before the game that his team would have to play a "perfect game" in order to beat the powerful Dukes. But Madison would not be denied in its first home game of the year.

SALISBURY STATE — Sponaugle 5 1-2 11, Berens 7 4-4 18, Garrison 3 0-0 6, Sullivan 1 2-3 4, Baker 3 0-0 6, Adams 3 0-0 6, Lake 1 1-2 3. Totals 23 8-11 54.

JAMES MADISON — Blackman 4 0-0 8, Townes 10 2-2 22, Ruland 7 0-0 14, Fisher 6 0-0 12, Dupont 1 0-0 2, Keys 0 1-2 1, Rosenberg 1 3-4 5, Steele 1 0-0 2, Buoniincontri 0 0-1 1. Totals 33 8-14 74.

Salisbury State	24	30— 54
James Madison	38	36— 74

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Junior forward John Berens (6-foot-5) leads Salisbury State in scoring after two games with a 24.0 points per game average. He also pulled down 15 rebounds in the Sea Gulls' two games last weekend.

Sophomore forward Tim Sponaugle (6-4) is averaging 12.5 points and 11.5 rebounds a game for Salisbury State and senior center George Garrison is averaging 12.0 points per contest.

The Sea Gulls' starting guards are senior Greg Sullivan (6-0) and sophomore Cedric Baker (6-1). Sullivan scored the game-winning field goal in the closing seconds of Salisbury State's victory over Christopher Newport and is averaging 19.5 points a game. Baker is averaging 4.0 points a game.

"We're a young team and we didn't play well in the first three halves of the season," Salisbury State coach Ward Lambert said. "But we were extremely pleased with the way we played in the second half Saturday night (against Christopher Newport)."

Lambert is in his 11th season as the Sea Gulls' head coach and has a career coaching record of 118-141.

JMU and Salisbury State have met twice previously with the Dukes winning both games. JMU defeated the Sea Gulls 105-87 during the 1976-77 season and 76-55 during the 1978-79 season..

Tonight's game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

JMU's Linton Townes

SSC Home For Gull Classic

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

Salisbury State College basketball coach Ward Lambert can take a short breath of relief as his Sea Gulls return home for the 1980 Dual Gull Classic after a tough three-game road trip in Virginia.

The away games left SSC's record at 1-2 going into tonight's home opener against a young Spring Garden College team. The opening game in the men's tournament will pit St. Thomas Aquinas and York College at 5 p.m. The SSC game is set for 9 p.m.

Sandwiched between the men's games will be two women's contests. Opening the tournament at 3 p.m. will be Delaware State and Virginia Wesleyan. Bloomsburg will face the SSC women at 7 p.m. This is the first year the women have participated in the Gull Classic.

Lambert's squad has won the tournament three of the past for years, with the field changing each season. The only other team to have won the two-day event was Mount St. Mary's College in January of 1979. Aquanis placed second that year while Dowling College was third and SSC was fourth.

In last December's tournament, SSC beat out Merchant Marine, Mount St. Mary's and John Jay College to win the title. Juan Gabourel of SSC was voted the Most Valuable Player that year. He also owns the tournament record for most points with 64 over two games and 37 in one game in 1977. In the December tournament last year, Gabourel set the free throw record by going 9-for-9 in a single game.

Salisbury owns both the single game most points record and the tournament total points record. The Sea Gulls tallied 102 points last year against Merchant Marine Academy. The Gulls were led by Gabourel's 28 points and Jim Hunt's 24 points.

In 1977 Salisbury scored 188 points over two games to set a record that still holds going into this year's classic.

While Aquinas fell short to Mount St. Mary's in the 1979 January classic, it did set a game record .653 field goal shooting percentage and a .541 percentage over two games.

This will be a different Gull team going into the classic. It's a team that consists of several transfers who are just now to blending together.

One familiar face returning, however, is John Berens. Berens, who was converted to a foward this year, averaged 16.5 points in the classic last season. Berens is SSC's leading scorer through three games as he is averaging over 20 points and outing.

Taking Berens' place underneath is 6-6 co-captain George Garrison. The lanky Gull center only scored four points last season in the tournament but could figure more important this season as a starter.

Co-captain Greg Sullivan averaged 7.5 points in last year's tourney and also could be important this weekend.

Lambert called tonight' field "extremely balanced. The SSC coach would like t win his fourth classic and ge his young Gulls on the winnin track before going back on th road to play in next weekend' Washington Colleg Tournament in Chestertown Md.

Greg Sullivan — George Garrison — John Berens

Sea Gulls In Tourney Final

By GREGG SUTTON
Times Correspondent

SALISBURY- The Salisbury State Seagulls easily defeated Spring Garden College with a 85-54 decision here Friday night in the 1980 Gull Classic. High scorer for the Gulls was John Berens, 19 points. Berens also pulled down a game high 12 rebounds.

Greg Sullivan scored 14 points while making eight assists, a tournament record.

Sedric Baker was the Gulls second leading scorer with 15 points.

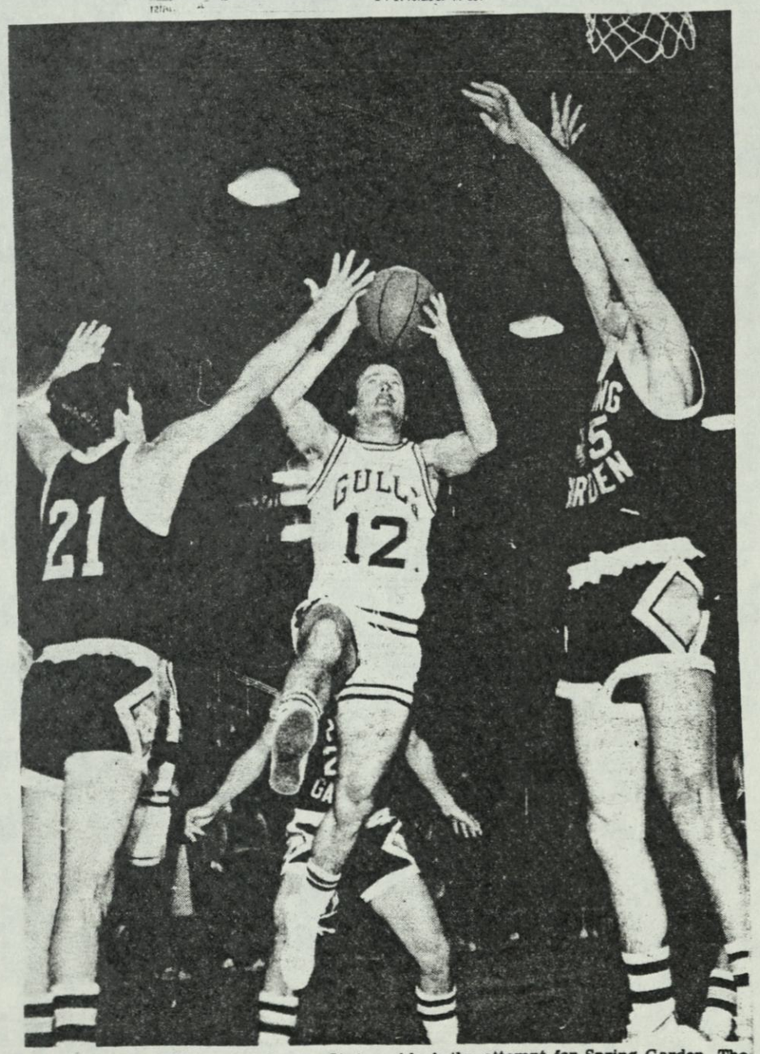
St. Thomas Aquinas defeated York College 75-73 in an earlier game. The Gulls will face St. Thomas Aquinas Saturday night at 9 p.m. in the championship game.

Leading scorer for St. Thomas Aquinas was Jim Cornish, who had 16 points and 10 caroms.

York College will face Spring Garden College in a consolation game Saturday at 5 p.m.

(Spring Garden 54)
Murphy 3-1-7, Schier 1-0-2, Casper 7-0-14, Skusarczyk 7-3-17, Harrer 4-1-9, McMenamin 1-0-2, Etzy 1-1-3. Totals 24-6-54

(SSC 85)
Sullivan 7-0-14, Garrison 5-0-10, Baker 7-1-15, Sponaugle 2-3-7, Berens 7-5-19, Adam 3-0-6, Livingston 1-1-3, Lake 1-0-2, Bozman 2-0-4, Levere 2-1-5. Totals 37-11-85.



SULLIVAN HITS. Salisbury State College's Greg Sullivan goes up for a shot in in Friday night's game against Spring Garden College. Rob Caster (21) tries to block the attempt for Spring Garden. The two teams were playing in the opening round of the Gull Classic tournament at SSC. (Times Photo by Mick Calvacca)

Coach Laments Over Young Gulls

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

As the Sea Gulls jogged out onto the court and warmed up before the 1980 Gull Classic championship game Saturday night at SSC, it already seemed like they were down before the opening buzzer sounded.

St. Thomas Aquinas of New York, on the other hand, looked pumped up for the game although they didn't get on the court until five minutes after Salisbury State College. And the pre-game warm-up had the be the longest in the history of college basketball.

St. Thomas was clearly a two-man team. Both Jim Cornish and Walter Walker dominated — Cornish on the inside and Walker on the outside.

But SSC showed their youth early as twice St. Thomas players streaked down court while SSC players were busy congratulating each other for shots made at the other end. It was that same youth and inexperience which led to a poor shot with too much time left on the clock and without calling a timeout late in the game. In the end it was St. Thomas that won the Gull Classic, 64-62.

"We lost our poise in the end," said SSC coach Ward Lambert after the game.

It was a frustrating game for Lambert & Company. The loss sunk SSC's record to 2-3 and now the Gulls have an entire week to think about the loss before going on the road again on Friday to play in the Washington College Tournament in Chestertown.

It wasn't the prettiest played game for either team. St. Thomas (now 9-0) had SSC on the ropes in the first half but could not land the knockout punch. John Berens (SSC's leading scorer), who hardly saw the ball in the first 10 minutes, seemed to wake up the Gulls with the game's lone dunk late in the half.

Salisbury State carried the momentum gained late in the

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By Mick Calvacca

first half into the second half and eventually took the lead.

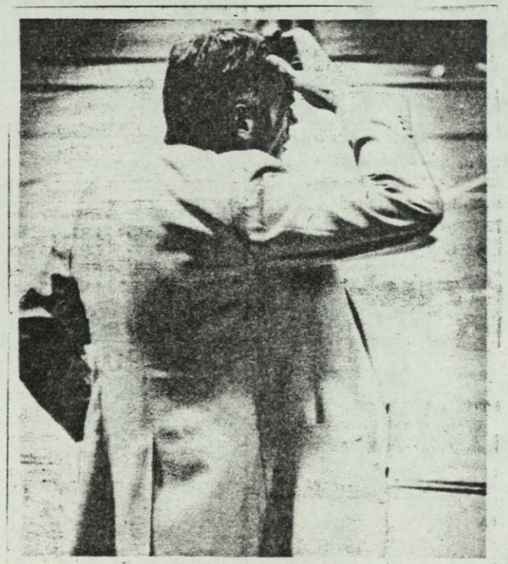
The flow of the contest shifted back-and-forth as neither team looked like they really wanted to win. Turnovers, violations and missed layups plagued the half. The Gulls completely turned around on defense, however, as they shutoff Cornish by switching assignments on the 6-5 center. But as luck would go, St. Thomas found a couple other players to keep things going including second stringer Don Elmendorf who hit a couple crucial jumpers late in the game.

"We play better when we're behind," said Lambert. "Then we have nothing to lose."

"We made young mistakes and weren't patient in the beginning," said Lambert who has noticed an improvement in the Gulls over the first five games.

Lambert also cited poor foul shooting and "trouble sustaining" momentum for the loss. He said he knew St. Thomas would be tough going into the contest.

SSC Bows To Aquinas In Gull Finals



SSC Coach Ward Lambert

By GREGG SUTTON
Times Correspondent

With the score tied 62-62, and just five seconds remaining in the game, Keith Walsh scored the goal that gave the St. Thomas Aquinas Spartans a 64-62 victory in the fifth Salisbury State College Sea Gull Classic, here Saturday night.

The Gulls had one last chance to tie the game, but Mo Dickerson missed on a desperation jumper with only three seconds remaining.

Trailing by as many as 10 points in the first half, the Gulls fought back to within six points on a slam dunk by John Berens, with only two minutes left. This changed the complexion of the game, as the Gulls ended the half trailing by only four points. The score at intermission was 32-28.

SSC forward Tim Sponaugle tied the game at 34-34 with 18 minutes left in the second half. The stubborn SSC team then took the lead for the first time with 17:17 left in the second half on a basket by John Berens.

The Gulls led the way most of the second half, but the Spartans took the lead 44-42, on a shot by Walter Walker. The Gulls regained the lead at 54-53, on a hoop by Sedric Baker.

With 20 seconds remaining in the game, and the Gulls leading 62-60, a shot by Baker missed it's mark, the rest is history.

Greg Sullivan and John Berens led the Gull scorers with 16 and 15 points respectively. Freshman Lewis Adams also had an outstanding defensive game for the Gulls.

The game's leading scorer and Most Valuable Player was St. Thomas Aquinas' Jim Cornish. Cornish finished the game with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Also scoring in double figures for the Spartans was Walter Walker with 16 points, Keith Walsh and Don Elmendorf with 12 and 10 points respectively.

The victory now lifts the Spartans to a perfect 9-0 record, while the Gulls drop to 2-3.

The SSC women's basketball team captured first place in the tournament's women's division by defeating Virginia Wesleyan 54-45 in Saturday night's final. Delaware State finished third in the women's division.

Sophomore Josie Harper, of SSC was voted the women's Most Valuable Player in the tournament.

The women's All-Tournament team members chosen were: Sharon Walden, Virginia Wesleyan; Karen Sutherlin, Virginia Wesleyan; Tanya Rorie, Delaware State; and Sissy Natoli, Salisbury State.

The men's All-Tournament team members chosen were: Ken Riddick, York College; Greg Sullivan, Salisbury State College; John Berens, Salisbury State College; and Walter Walker, St. Thomas Aquinas.

St. Thomas (64)
Cornish 9 0-0 18, Walker 8 0-0 16, Walsh 5 2-2 12, Elmendorf 5 0-0 10, Quilez 3 2-4 8, Doscher 0 0-0 0, Thorkelsen 0 0-0 0. Totals 30 4-6 64.

SSC (62)
Sullivan 7 2-2 16, Berens 7 1-2 15, Sonaugle 4 1-5 9, Baker 4 0-0 8, Adams 3 1-2 7; Lake 2 1-2 5, Garrison 1 0-0 2, Dickerson 0 0-1 0. Totals 30 4-6 64.

Gulls In 'Goose' Tourney

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

CHESTERTOWN — This weekend's fourth annual Wild Goose Classic basketball tournament at Washington College's Cain Ahtletic Center is "crucial" for the the Salisbury State Sea Gulls if the Gulls want to have a winning season said SSC coach Ward Lambert yesterday.

Lambert's squad's record stands at 2-3 after losing the Gull Classic last weekend at home. Lambert stressed, "We need to beat these Division III schools." Salisbury's schedule gets very rough in January and the young Gulls need to go into the month with renewed confidence, according to Lambert.

The Sea Gulls will face Herbert H. Lehman (N.Y.) in the opening round of the tourney tonight. Lehman's record stands at 1-4 which includes losses to Division III Lynchburg College (a future opponent of SSC) and Washington and Lee University.

All three teams are ball control squads, according to Lambert. The SSC coach said he will try and get Lehman and which ever team he faces Saturday to play the Gulls type of running game. Washington and John Jay College (N.Y.) play in the other tourney contest tonight.

This is the first year SSC has participated in the Wild Goose Classic. Lambert said the one-week layoff shouldn't hurt the Gulls chances of winning the classic. "We needed the time off," he said.

While Lambert guessed that Washington was the strongest of the three teams, he also said he couldn't take Lehman lightly, mainly because of foward Jeff Johnson who leads the team in scoring and who can post down low at 6-4 or shoot from the outside with the same results.

John Jay led the NCAA Division III last season in defense. The New York team holds the ball often, according to Lambert and can be troublesome if it gets an early lead.

Lambert said his team will pressure its opponents and try and force them into playing SSC's type of game. "We're going to make it a physical game," said Lambert.

Salisbury State has basically been a streak, second half team so far. Lambert said with more experience and confidence, his players should begin to play more consistantly in the future.

"We have more confidence already. We know we can stay with anyone," said Lambert.

For the Gulls to get on track Tim Sponaugle, a 6-4 foward will have to get more involved in offense, according to Lambert. Sponaugle has been hampered with a back injury which hurt his performance in the Gull Classic last weekend.

John Berens (6-5), the team's leading scorer, will look to get inside against Lehman which only boasts a 6-4 front line. Lambert said SSC will have to establish an inside game against Lehman in order to win. The SSC coach said once his team starts scoring inside, then the perimeter jumpers will come easier.

The Sea Gull tip-off is set for 6:15 p.m. Saturday the consolation game will start at 1:15 while the title game is set for 3:30 p.m.

Tim Sponaugle

SSC Edged By Lehman In Opening Tourney Game

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

CHESTERTOWN — The Salisbury State College basketball team dropped its second close game in a row as Herbert H. Lehman College (N.Y.) defeated the Gulls 55-54 in the opening round of the Wild Goose Classic basketball tournament at Washington College Friday night.

The Gulls had a chance to win it after Tim Sponaugle pulled SSC within one point with a minute to go, 55-54. After Lehman came up empty, the Gulls got the ball with 23 seconds left to play but never got a shot off as they lost it with two seconds to go in the contest.

Salisbury coach Ward Lambert said his team had several chances to win it but just "couldn't pull it off."

SSC was plagued with 19 turnovers but did shoot an improved 42 percent from the field. But the turnovers were too much to overcome for the young Gulls whose record now drops to 2-4 while Lehman, which will play for the tourney title today, moves to 2-5 on the young season.

"Our team just didn't play very well," said Lambert. The Gulls were coming off a ragged performance against St. Thomas Aquinas last weekend in the Gull Classic tournament. SSC lost the game 64-62 in the final minute.

John Berens once again led the Gulls in scoring with 15 points.

Lehman out-rebounded the Gulls 26-23.

Salisbury will play the loser of the Washington vs. John Jay College game today at 1:15 p.m.

SSC — Levere 2 0-0 4, Adams 1 0-0 2, Sullivan 3 0-0 6, Garrison 0 0-0 0, Dickerson 0 2-2 2, Baker 1 1-1 3, Sponaugle 8 0-2 16, Lake 1 0-0 2, Berens 7 1-4 15, Bozman 2 0-0 4. (Totals 28 4-9 54).
Lehman — Kaones 3 0-0 6, Langan 1 0-1 2, Lloyd 4 0-0 8, Spiney 3 0-3 6, Johnsen 9 7-8 25, Rizzo 1 0-0 2, Riley 2 0-0 4, Wright 1 0-0 2. (Totals 25 7-9 55)

Sea Gulls Soar To Victory

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

CHESTERTOWN — Tim Sponaugle had 11 rebounds and scored 26 points to lead the Salisbury State College basketball team to a 96-55 win over John Jay College (N.Y.) here Saturday in the consolation game of the Wild Goose Classic. The victory gave SSC a third place finish in the four-team tourney. Washington College and Herbert H. Lehman College played later in the finals but a score was not available at press time.

SSC coach Ward Lambert called the victory one of the "best played games" for the young Gulls this season. "Our offense was much more aggressive and we played as a team," said Lambert.

The Gulls took an early lead and never looked back as the 41-28 halftime score indicated. SSC shot 18-of-21 from the line and hit 48 percent of its shots from the field. Ironically, John Jay hit 50 percent from the field but only went to the line 16 times, making nine shots.

Lambert said he thought John Jay was the toughest team of the three squads. He said he hoped this victory would help "pull the team together."

John Berens and Morris Dickerson each contributed 17 points in the SSC win.

Salisbury's record now moves to 3-4 while John Jay's goes to 3-5. The Sea Gulls host Jersey City State College on Saturday at 8 p.m.

SSC— Sullivan 3 0-0 6, Baker 2 0-0 4, Garrison 6 0-0 12, Sponaugle 11 4-4 26, Berens 6 5-8 17, Levere 4 0-0 8, Adams 3 0-0 6, Dickerson 4 9-9 17. (Totals 39 18-21 96)

John Jay— Matias 1 0-0 2, O'Bryan 3 1-2 7, Martin 4 4-5 12, Tinsley 2 2-4 6, Peterson 3 1-3 7, Smikle 1 0-0 2, Sykes 2 0-0 4, Gibbs 2 0-0 4, White 1 0-0 2, Ferrguson 2 1-2 4, Robinson 2 0-1 4. (Totals 23 9-16 55).

SSC Stubborn Before Bowing

By MICK CALVACCA
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For about 33 minutes the Salisbury State College basketball team played inspired, team basketball as it looked like the home Sea Gulls were going to upset seventh ranked (in NCAA Division III) Jersey City State College at SSC Saturday. But in the end, the Gulls folded, 90-82, to a strong Gothic team that took more than three quarters of the game to discover they had a size advantage underneath.

George Peterson (6-9, 215 pounds) used his size to dunk home six points down the stretch and finished the game with 33 points.

Greg Sullivan helped give Salisbury a 46-40 lead at the half. The 6-0 guard scored all eight of SSC's final points in the half while the Gothics went scoreless for the last two minutes.

Tim Sponaugle and John Berens accounted for 16 of Salisbury's first 20 points in the second half as the Gulls opened 68-61 lead with just under 10 minutes to play.

Peterson and the Gothics came charging back, however, as the big Jersey City center tied the game on a three-point play with 7:22 remaining. Peterson then got his team in front for the first time in over 17 minutes as he took a back door pass and slammed it down giving the Gothics a 74-72 advantage.

With a six-point lead and an apparent victory locked up, Peterson made one of his few mistakes as he threw up a 20-foot jumper with three minutes left to play. The shot missed as SSC grabbed the rebound and raced down court. Sullivan drove to the basket for the score as the Gulls pulled within four.

Jersey City came right back and went up by six again. But the stubborn Gulls weren't ready to die as Berens took an offensive rebound back up for two at the 1:42 mark.

A break down on defense, however, gave Jersey City's Herlin Sumpter a clear path to the basket as he laid it in for two. Peterson, seconds later, followed with a dunk giving the visitors an 86-78 lead with 48 seconds left.

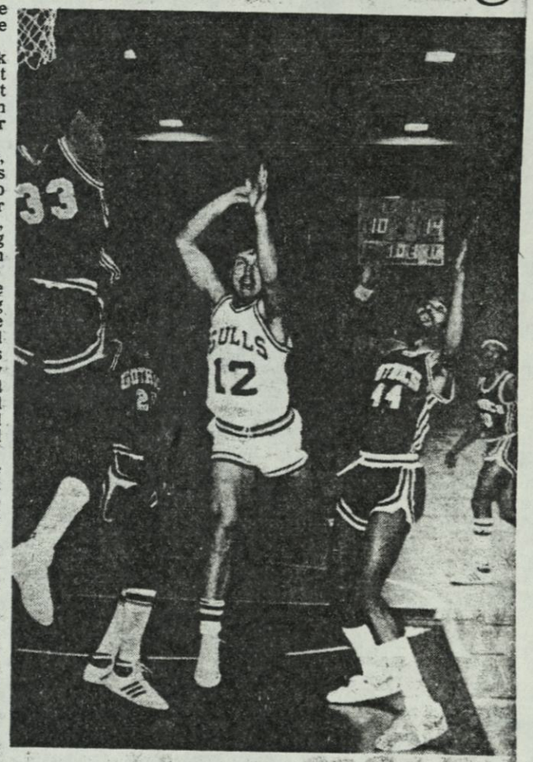
The game seesawed in the first half with the score being tied 11 times. The Gulls came out playing aggressive ball and were going to the boards hard with the bigger Jersey City team. Berens and Sullivan both slipped underneath the outstretched arms of Peterson and scored several easy baskets.

Both teams were hot at the foul line as the Gothics hit 12-of-13 and the Gulls made 16-of-18. The visitors edged the Gulls in rebounds 38-35.

The loss drops SSC's record to 3-5 going into the three-week break. Jersey City's mark now moves to 6-2.

The Sea Gulls' next home game will be on Feb. 3 against the University of Maryland Baltimore County. The Gulls will start an eight-game road trip on Jan. 9 as they play in the Blue Jay Tournament at John Hopkins.

Scoring summary:
Jersey City— Peterson 14 5-5 33, Rucker 6 2-2 14, Chapman 3 2-2 8, Sumpter 9 0-0 18, Mason 1 0-0 2, Harris 1 2-2 4, Martin 4 1-2 9. (Totals 39 12-13 90)
Salisbury— Berens 11 4-4 26, Sponaugle 6 0-0 12, Baker 1 2-2 4, Garrison 5 0-0 10, Sullivan 8 8-9 24, Adams 1 0-0 2, Dickerson 1 2-3 4. (Totals 33 16-18 82)



LOOSE BALL. Salisbury State College's Greg Sullivan (12) drives to the basket but loses the ball as Jersey City defenders Greg Rucker (33), George Peterson (44) and Stan Chapman (25) surround the flying Gull in a game at SSC Saturday. Jersey won the game, 90-82. (Times Photo By Mick Calvacca)

SSC Five Gunning For .500 Mark

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

Going into the three-week layoff for the holidays would certainly be easier for Ward Lambert if his Salisbury State College basketball team could go into the January-Feruary half of the season with a 4-4 record. But to gain that .500 mark the Sea Gulls will have to defeat the visiting Jersey City College (ranked seventh in Division III) at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Salisbury is coming off its finest overall performance of the young season said both Lambert and assistant coach Paul Nolan. The Gulls racked up 96 points against John Jay College last week in a 41-point romp. Both coaches said they hoped the game was a sign of things to come for the young Gulls.

Jersey City is 5-2 this season, but both losses have come against Division I teams.

Nolan, who mostly helps with the team on defense, labels Jersey City as a "street ball" type squad. The foes from the north will run-and-gun and take a lot of chances and make a lot of mistakes. Lambert said he hopes his team can take advantage of those mistakes in trying to upset Jersey City.

"We have to do two things to win," said Lambert. "First we have to rebound with them and second we have to take advantage of their over-aggressiveness," he said.

Lambert said he expects Jersey City to turn the ball over at least 20 times on Saturday. Whether the Gulls can take advantage of the mistakes, remains to be seen.

Jersey City made it as far as the quarter-finals of the NCAA Division III playoffs a year ago. But the powerful Jersey team will be without its two starting guards from last season. Both Eric Moore and Phil Kemp have graduated. Together the two backcourters accounted for 43 points in Jersey City's 14-point win over SSC last season.

The Sea Gulls biggest problem Saturday will probably be containing 6-9, 21-pound George Peterson. Peterson averaged 13.3 points last year and can shoot from the inside or from the perimeter. SSC's 6-6 center George Garrison will be assigned to Peterson. Garrison, while not scoring a lot of points, is coming off one of his best overall games according to Nolan.

Stan Chapman, a 6-6, 215-pound foward, is another force the Gulls will have to contend with. Chapman, like the rest of the Jersey City team, is very physical and tough to stop on the boards.

SSC will have to counter with Tim Sponaugle, who had his finest game of the season last week, scoring 26 points. Sponaugle, along with the Gulls' leading scorer, John Berens, are two weapons that can make this an interesting contest. Also showing signs of life off the bench are Mark Livingston and Lewis Adams. Starting guards Greg Sullivan and Sedric Baker are averaging 12.1 and 6.3 points respectively.

Lambert hopes that his young Gulls have suffered enough growing pains and will begin to gell. While faced with a "very tough" opponent on Saturday, Lambert said he is looking for a "good hustling effort" out of his players before the break.

Cape Henlopen Connection A Hit For Gulls

By MICK CALVACCA
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It's the classic sports story.

The star high school basketball player gets a full ride scholarship to college but injures himself before he even has a chance to play in his first regular season game.

His friend and high school teammate (not considered a starter in high school) starts for a nearby college téam and becomes its leading scorer in his junior year.

After three years apart, Tim Sponaugle and John Berens are back and wearing Sea Gull uniforms at Salisbury State College.

Sponaugle went to Pembroke State University in North Carolina on a full scholarship after staring for the state champion Cape Henlopen High School basketball team in the mid-1970's.

Tragedy struck when Sponaugle injured his lower back. Doctors told the Delaware native that he would never be able to play basketball again. If he tried, and reinjured his back, there was a good possibilty that he would not be able to walk for the rest of his life.

Sponaugle left North Carolina and returned to the Eastern Shore where he enrolled at SSC. He, with the advice of basketball coach Ward Lambert, sat out his sophomore year. But his determination to return to the court over-powered doctors' warnings. Sponaugle worked hard trying to strenghten his back, hoping that he could play basketball the following year.

Sponaugle's made considerable progress and started playing intramural ball. Lambert watched Sponaugle and agreed that by 1980 the Cape Henlopen graduate would be ready to tryout for the SSC squad.

Berens is a different story. He was a "late bloomer," according to Lambert. He didn't even go out for basketball until his sophomore year.

Berens' career at Cape was certainly unspectacular as a "sixth man" off the bench. But by his senior year, there were signs that said Berens could develop into fine player if he had the desire.

At the end of his senior year, Berens was named to play in the Delaware High School All-Star game because another player could not make it. The then 6-3, 165 pound roundballer, impressed Lambert enough for the SSC coach to give him a tryout.

Sponaugle's back is still troublesome. He often has to have treatment on it before practice. Prior to games, Sponaugle usually stretches about 20 minutes extra to make sure he doesn't pull the same muscle again.

The accident which side-tracked Sponaugle's was caused by a slippery floor. The chances of him falling like that and pulling the same lower back muscles are slim, said Lambert. But still, Sponaugle is watched carefully by SSC trainers.

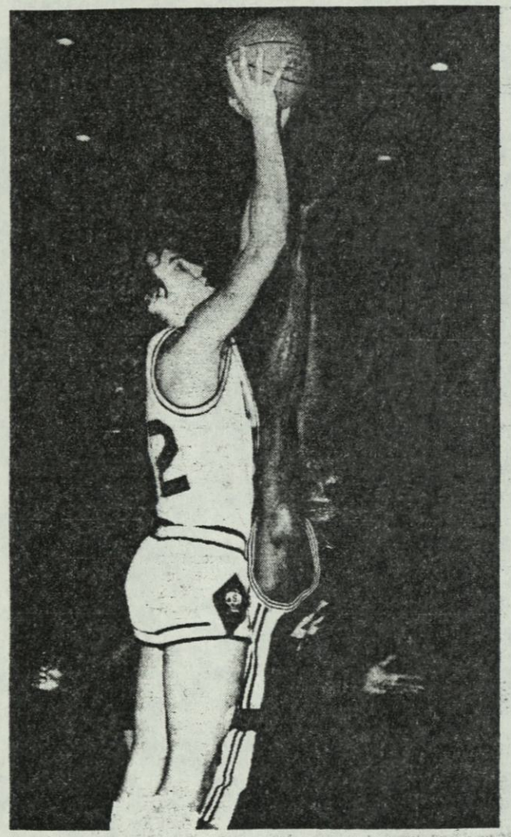
"He's a tough kid," said Lambert. "He won't even tell you if his back is bothering him," said the SSC coach.

Sponaugle's back was hurting during the Gull Classic two weeks ago. But he played anyway without saying a word. The results proved Sponaugle was hampered as SSC loss the tourney.

Last week, perhaps, was the best sign for Sponaugle and the SSC team. Sponaugle scored 26 points and the Gulls crushed John Jay College, 96-55. He is averaging over 13 points a game on the season so far.

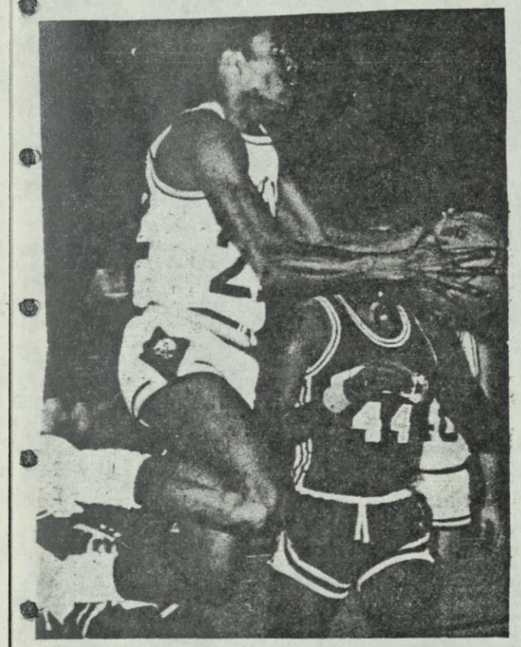
Berens' figures aren't too bad either as he has an 18.9 average at his new foward position. Berens played center last season and has adjusted well to the change this year, said Lambert.

Berens is a smart player according to Lambert. And though neither Berens nor Sponaugle are very fast, Lambert said the Cape pair are probably his best defensive players.



SSC CONNECTION. John Berens (left) skys high over a defender in a Salisbury State College basketball game last season. Berens is the team's leading scorter this season. At right, teammate Tim Sponaugle positions himself for a rebound in Thursday's basketball practice session at Salisbury State College.

Gulls Put Blue Jay Title On Line



HIGH FLYING. Mo Dickerson, Salisbury State College guard, is captured on a move to the basket during a game against Jersey City State College on December 20. Dickerson, a senior out of Pocomoke High School, could figure prominently this weekend as SSC plays in the Johns Hopkins Blue Jay Basketball Tournament at Baltimore. (Times photo by Mick Calvacca)

By MICK CALVACCA
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BALTIMORE — The Salisbury State College basketball team opens a nine-game road trip, which runs to the end of January, starting tonight against Western Maryland in the Johns Hopkins Blue Jay Tournament at 7 p.m. Johns Hopkins and St. Mary's College will meet in the 9 p.m. contest.

It will be a matchup of last year's finalists, however, in the opening game as the Sea Gulls look to repeat as tournament champs. Salisbury defeated Western Maryland for the title last year, 102-88. After a close first half, the Gulls dominated play in the second half to cruise to a 14-point victory.

Western Maryland boasts a high powered offense that leads all NCAA Division III teams with a 69 percent field goal average. Maryland is 4-2, losing its last two games. The only opponent both teams have had in common this season is John Jay College which both SSC and Maryland handled easily.

Western Maryland returns most of last year's team while Salisbury (3-5) has a few new faces both in the starting five and on the bench.

Center George Garrison (co-captain) didn't see a lot action last season but at 6-6 the Gull center has played an important role in the SSC defense.

Morris Dickerson, a senior guard out of Pocomoke High School, also adds quickness off the bench for the Gulls as does freshman Lewis Adams. Both second string guards are averaging near six points a game.

Sedric Baker, one of the Gulls' two starting guards, handles the ball well and is new to the SSC backcourt. He joins SSC veteran co-captain Greg Sullivan who is the top scoring guard for the Gulls so far.

John Berens (converted from center to foward) remains a dominant force in the Salisbury offense. Berens leads the team in scoring and likes to go inside. At 6-5 Berens will look to go down low against Maryland which matches up equally with the Gulls size wise.

Tim Sponaugle, hampered by a back injury, has been playing his game of late and should also be a factor to contend with tonight.

SSC coach Ward Lambert called last year's win over Western Maryland, "One of the best games we played." This season Lambert believes Western Maryland and SSC are "carbon copies" of each other. The SSC coach said the Gull guards may have a slight edged but that Western Maryland may have an advantage up front. He labeled Maryland as very physically and a team that likes to run and get inside — much like SSC.

In the late game tonight, the Blue Jays will square off against St. Mary's as both teams make a bid for the tourney title. The Blue Jays are 4-4 and St. Mary's is 2-4 and has lost its last four games. The St. Mary's skid, however, is deceptive, according to Lambert who pointed to the level of competition faced by St. Mary's. Lambert said the tournament field is very balanced with all four teams having a good shot at the title.

Faced with a nine-game road stretch, the Sea Gulls do have one consolation in that they face all Division III schools through the next several games after facing Division I and II schools earlier in the year. Salisbury is on mid-year break until February and don't play a home game until Feb. 3 when it hosts University of Maryland Baltimore County. This is the first year that the college has had over a month break forcing the long away schedule for the basketball team. Lambert said he didn't really mind the away games and that his team has played well on the road.

After a 1-1 start, the Sea Gulls went to Harrisonburg, Va. to face the Division I James Madison University Dukes early in the year. It was a game which the Gulls were overwhelming underdogs. What Lambert was looking for out of the game, however, was a well played contest where the young Salisbury team would gain some good experience against a higher ranked club.

Coming home with a 1-2 record wasn't all that bad. But the narrow loss to St. Thomas Acquinas in the Gull Classic was a bitter defeat, leaving the SSC mark at 2-3.

The Gulls then split in the Washington College Tourney before returning home to play Jersey City. In another close game the Gulls fell to a physical Jersey team on Dec. 20.

Now it's time for the Gulls to get it cranked up again as they head into the bulk of the 1980-81 Division III schedule.

SSC Is Beaten In Final

BALTIMORE — Host John Hopkins University handed Salisbury State College a 64-55 loss in the championship game of second annual Blue Jay Classic on the campus of JHU here Saturday night.

The Blue Jays fired in 67 percent of their first half shots while the Sea Gulls connected on only 35 percent as the host team built up a commanding 39-27 halftime bulge over the defending tourney champion Sea Gulls.

The last time the contest was tied was at the 16:32 mark of the opening half when SSC hit a bucket to tie the game a 4-all. After that the game was controlled by the host Blue Jays.

The closest the Gulls could come in the second half 59-54 with just 3:05 to go as the SSC full-court press bothered the Blue Jays which triggered the Gulls comeback.

Mikola Nikic fired in 19 points to lead the winning Jays while Tom Tessitore netted 14 and Mark Zielinski popped in 10 for JHU.

John Berens led the SSC attack with 13 followed closely by Tim Sponaugle with a dozen and Greg Sullivan tossed in 11.

SSC held a slim edge in the rebounding department at 25-24 as Berens yanked down eight boards while Tessitore led the Jays with seven caroms to his credit.

The Gulls connected on 15 of 17 from the charity stripe while Hopkins nailed 12 of 18 from the line. Hopkins dropped in 26 of 44 from the field for 59.1 percent.

Mike Pansini dished out six assists to lead JHU in that department as Lewis Adams and Sullivan led SSC with two assists each. JHU had 16 assists for the game while the Gulls managed but 7 assists in the game.

Hopkins ran it's record to 6-4 for the year and stretched it's winning streak to four straight while the Gulls fell to 4-6 and will meet Lincoln, Va., tonight on the road.

Score at halftime: John Hopkins 39, SSC 27

JHU-Ross 4 1-3 9, Kautz 1 1-1 3, Barr 1 0-0 2, Tessitore 4 6-6 14, Pansini 3 1-2 7, Nikic 9 1-3 19; Zielinski 4 2-3 10. (Totals: 26 12-18 64)

SSC-Levene 1 1-2 3, Adams 2 0-0 4, Sullivan 4 3-4 11, Gorrison 2 2-2 6, Dickerson 2 2-2 6, Sponaugle 4 4-4 12, Berens 5 3-3 13. (Totals: 20 15-17 55).

Cold Shooting Gulls Suffer 84-52 Setback

PHILADELPHIA — Lincoln University manhandled Salisbury State College 84-52 in college basketball action here Monday night.

SSC Coach Ward Lambert said, "We played better in the second half, but Lincoln controlled the whole game."

Lincoln (4-6) held a 37-19 bulge at the intermission and never looked .

SSC (4-7) was led by John Berens with 16 and Tim Sponaulge with 11 and next faces Lynchburg College on the road Thursday night.

Scoring summary:

SSC-Levere 0 3-4 3, Adams 2 0-0 4, Sullivan 3 0-0 6, Garrison 1 2-4 4, Dickerson 2 4-4 8, Sponaugle 3 5-8 11, Berens 5 6-6 16. (Totals: 16 20-26 52)

Lincoln-Gibson 6 1-1 13, Harris 3 0-0 6, Arnold 3 2-2 8, Stallings 4 1-2 9, Day 2 0-0 4, Morrell 2 0-0 4, Jefferson 9 1-2 19, Eaddy 2 0-0 4, Adamson 3 0-0 6, Best 5 1-1 11. (Totals: 39 6-8 84)

SSC Cagers Beaten By Lynchburg

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Lynchburg College raced out to a 15-0 lead and never looked back as the host team defeated Salisbury State College 104-71 here Friday night.

SSC Coach Ward Lambert said, "Things just didn't work well for us tonight. We were defeated in every aspect of the game."

Morris Dickerson led the Sea Gulls with 21 points while Tim Sponaugle chimed in with 14 and John Berens added 12.

The Gulls saw their record slip to 4-8 and will battle Frostburg State College on the road at 7:30 p.m.

With the win Lynchburg upped it's record to 6-4.

SSC (71)

Dickerson 9 3-4 21, Sponaugle 7 0-0 14, Berens 4 4-4 12, Sullivan 3 4-6 10, Gorrison 3 2-2 8, Levere 1 2-5 4, Adams 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 28 15-21 71)

Lynchburg (104)

Fitzpatrick 5 6-6 16, McCargo 8 0-1 16, Bumbrey 4 5-7 13, Barrett 6 0-1 12, Hemmersley 5 0-0 10, Mann 4 2-2 10, Huffman 4 1-2 9, Cross 3 1-3 7, Tabeo 2 1-1 5, Pennington 2 0-0 4, Garts 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 44 16-24 104).

Halftime score: Lynchburg 46, SSC 30

Jan. Chill Biting To Sea Gulls

By MICK CALVACCA
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FROSTBURG — January has been a cold month for Salisbury State College coach Ward Lambert.

Sure, it started off great with an opening round win over Western Maryland in the Blue Jay Tournament two weeks ago. But since that time the Sea Gulls have dropped four games in a row including Monday night's bitter 74-70 defeat to Frostburg State College.

Last night's game, however, was an improvement over last week's 32-point loss to Lincoln and 33-point loss to Lynchburg. The Gulls even led by as much as 11 points at the 16:32 mark in the second half and apparently the losing streak would end at three games.

Frostburg battled back mainly on the hot shooting hand of point guard Brian Walker who contributed 13 of his 17 points in the second half. Combined with Greg Walker, the Frostburg backcourt duo burned the Gulls for 34 points on the night. Foward Dave Porter was the next highest scorer with 16 points.

Salisbury, which has played well in the second half most of the year, just couldn't get on track last night. "Our field goal shooting was poor. Our free throw shooting was poor and we just didn't play smart basketball," said Lambert who watched his Gulls sink to a 4-9 record.

After SSC opened a 44-38 lead in the second half, Frostburg battled back and took a one-point lead at the 11:14 mark.

Salisbury cut the lead and with 10 seconds remaining was down 72-70. Frostburg, however, took the ball out, avoided drawing a quick foul and took an easy layup to secure the victory.

John Berens was SSC's leading scorer with 21 points. Tim Sponaugle had 18 points and 18 rebounds for the Sea Gulls while Lewis Adams collected 10 points.

SALISBURY (70)— Levere 3 1-4 7, Adams 3 3-4 10, Sullivan 2 0-1 4, Garrison 0 0-1 1, Dickerson 4 3-4 9, Sponaugle 8 2-4 18, Livingston 0 1-2 1, Berens 4 5-6 21. (Totals 27 16-29 70)

FROSTBURG— (74)— Walker 7 3-4 17, Seker 6 3-4 17, Porter 7 2-3 16, Liller 1 5-7 7, Doerr 4 2-2 10, McLister 1 0-0 2, Bailey 1 0-0 2, Walter 1 1-2 3. (Totals 28 18-25 74)

SSC Changes In Store In Wake Of Skid

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

CAMDEN, N.J. — Some changes will be made tonight by Salisbury State College basketball coach Ward Lambert as the Sea Gulls look to break a four-game losing streak against Rutgers University (Camden).

SSC, which is in the middle of a nine-game road stretch, will show a new backcourt duo to try and break whatever problems it has faced recently. Lewis Adams and Mo Dickerson will be the starting Gull guards tonight. Salisbury started the year with Sedric Baker and Greg Sullivan in the backcourt, but because Baker did not return for a second semester and because of Sullivan's recent shooting slump, Lambert decided to shake up the starting five.

Both 6-0 guards have seen a lot of playing time off the bench this season. But for Adams, who is just a freshman, the starting role will be a big responsiblity as he will mostly play the point and run the Gull offense. Dickerson, a senior out of Pocomoke High School, will put the ball up and has turned in several fine performances for SSC this year.

Adams and Dickerson will be tested tonight against a pressure Rutgers defense. Lambert said he stressed patience on offense during practice Wednesday. The SSC coach also added that the Gulls need to play more of a perimeter type defense and force their opponents to take more outside shots.

A couple of changes that won't be made are at the foward spots as John Berens and Tim Sponaugle have both played consistent ball both defensively and offensively. Lambert said, however, that 6-6 center George Garrison needs to develop more consistency for the Sea Gulls to turn their 4-9 record around. Garrison has been held scoreless in a few games and has had a hard time putting the offensive rebounds back up for points.

Rutgers has also been an inconsistent squad as their 3-12 record indicates. "They're up and down," said Lambert. Rutgers beat Jersey City, a team which SSC lost to, but were downed by Spring Garden, a school which the Sea Gulls defeated soundly.

Both teams matchup evenly as the game may be decided inside as 6-6 Marvin Young matches up with Garrison. Besides Young, however, Lambert said he really didn't know much about Rutgers this year. "Right now I'm more interested in getting our own team straight," said Lambert.

While SSC has dropped five of its last six games, it has played five of those games on the road with four more road games remaining before the end of the month.

Lambert didn't make any excuses for the recent losses and said that the Gulls will have another shot against all its recent opponents in Salisbury next month.

SSC Revamp Fails; Bows 59-57

By MICK CALVACCA
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CAMDEN, N.J. — Salisbury State College's problems on the basketball court continued here Thursday night as Rutgers University (Camden) recorded a 59-57 win. It was the fifth loss in a row for the sinking Sea Gulls.

SSC coach Ward Lambert said Wednesday that he would go to a new starting backcourt to try and shake the Gulls loose of their losing streak against Rutgers. The new starting backcourt meant that co-captain Greg Sullivan of Washington, D.C., would be benched. Neither Sullivan or Lambert were available for comment today and according to SSC sports information reports Thursday night, it was not known whether Sullivan played or even made the trip as no points were recorded in the summary for him.

The new starting backcourt duo of Lewis Adams and Mo Dickerson turned in a combined 23-point performance for SSC. Sedric Baker, who did not return to SSC this semester, was the other starting guard at the beginning of the season.

SSC's backcourt problems spread to foward John Berens last night as the normally consistent 6-5 Sea Gull from Lincoln, Del. was held to just eight points. Berens is SSC's leading scorer and has carried the Gulls this year along with Tim Sponaugle.

Sponaugle, however, had a fine game with team leading 17 points.

As expected 6-6 center Marvin Young gave the Sea Gulls, who are in the midst of a nine-game road trip, fits as he led all scorers with 22 points. His counterpart, co-captain George Garrison, tallied seven points for the Gulls.

Salisbury was leading 35-34 with 14 minutes left in the contest. After falling behind by three, Garrison converted on a three-point play at the 3:46 mark to tie the game at 53-53. But Rutgers turned around and scored a couple quick baskets to secure the win, gaining only its fourth win in 16 games. Salisbury's record now moves to 4-10.

The Gulls were out-rebounded 35-25 and watched Rutgers hit 15-of-20 free throws while SSC got eight attempts at the line hitting only three.

Salisbury, which was deep at the guard position when it started the year, may be looking to fill those same positions now. In any event, the Sea Gulls are facing many problems as they have lost six of their last seven games. They have lost five of their six consecutive road games and still have three away games left before returning to SSC on Feb. 3 to host UMBC. Included in those five losses are a 33-point loss to Lynchburg College and a 32-point loss to Lincoln College. The Sea Gulls will get another shot at those teams in February. Lambert's troops will also have a chance to avenge losses to Rutgers and Frostburg next month.

Hoping to break the streak soon, Salisbury will again be on the road as it travels to Glassboro State College for a 2 p.m. game on Saturday. The Gulls end their long road trip with games against University of Maryland Baltimore County and St. Mary's College next Thursday and Saturday respectively.

SSC (57)- Levere 1-0-2, Adams 7-1-15, Garrison 3-1-7, Dickerson 4-0-8, Sponaugle 8-1-17, Berens 4-0-8. (Totals 27 3-8 57).

RUTGERS (59)- J. Young 1-1-3, Moore 0-2-2, M. Young 8-6-22, Switlyk 4-0-8, Kelley 0-2-2, Nelson 4-1-7, Carson 4-3-11, Strawn 1-0-2. (Totals 22 15-20 59).

Sullivan Quits; Salisbury State Needs Victory

Greg Sullivan

Sedric Baker

By MICK CALVACCA
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Salisbury State College basketball co-captain Greg Sullivan quit the team this week just one day after it was announced by coach Ward Lambert that the senior guard would relinquish his starting duties due to a "shooting slump."

SSC, which is presently on a five-game skid, is down to just seven players after another guard, Sedric Baker, did not return to Salisbury for a second semester.

Lambert said he did not know for sure why Sullivan quit the team. The Washington, D.C. native reportedly walked out in the middle of practice on Wednesday and then did not travel with the team to New Jersey on Thursday to face Rutgers University.

Sullivan started his SSC career playing freshman ball. In his sophomore year the pesty 6-0 guard was the back up point guard. But in his junior year Sullivan did not play basketball.

Sullivan returned to the court last season and by the end of the year was back into the swing of things.

Lambert has described Sullivan as a hard-nosed player who likes pressure and who is fundamentally sound. Sullivan played his high school ball at the highly regarded St. Johns High School in Washington.

The Sea Gulls go into tonight's game with a new backcourt duo of Morris Dickerson and Lewis Adams. The two guards started for the first time this season in the 59-57 loss to Rutgers.

Tonight the Gulls take their act to Glassboro State College. "We need a win," said Lambert. "A win could cure a lot of things," said the veteran SSC coach.

The general attitude of the team is slightly depressed, according to Lambert. After coming off its finest season ever, the Gulls have sunk into a deep slump in 1980-81.

Today (2 p.m.) the 4-10 Gulls will face a Glassboro team which beat Rutgers twice this year. Salisbury's overall record against Glassboro 3-14 although the Gulls did handle the New Jersey team 76-73 last season. But last season must seem like a long time ago and today's game should have a different look from last year's matchup.

Glassboro has four players who are averaging in double figures. The most recent addition to the Glassboro five is Mark Williams who last week scored 18 points in his debut.

Steve Selby, an outside shooting guard, has a 14.1 average.

Center Chris Martin is averaging 11.5 but may be moved to foward to allow 6-6 Williams to start.

SSC's only double digit scorers are John Berens (17 points) and Tim Sponaugle (14 points).

SSC Down And Out While Glassboro Rolls Easy

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

GLASSBORO, N.J. — It's to the point now where it's difficult to say much. Salisbury State College lost its sixth game in a row here Saturday, 72-46, to Glassboro State College (a team that SSC has always played closely) and the bad news keeps getting worse.

This patched up Sea Gull team seems to be bound with worn tape. The Gulls never were in yesterday's game as no team that collects 26 turnovers usually is.

Salisbury only had four players who scored any points. And while foward John Berens canned 24 points, the other three SSC scorers were held to 10 and under. Tim Sponaugle, SSC's other usually consistent foward, only managed four points in the loss.

The Sea Gulls, which are down to eight players after guard Greg Sullivan quit the team last week, played "careless" basketball, according to SSC coach Ward Lambert. Salisbury's only bright spot was on the boards as the Gulls stayed with Glassboro 24-22 with the home team getting the edge.

Glassboro was led by Steve Selby's 17 points and Chris Martin's 12 points.

Salisbury, now 4-11, went into the season with a young but promising squad. Lambert's main concern then was the fact that many of his players had never played together. The SSC squad had several transfers and Lambert switched Berens from center to foward to allow 6-6 George Garrison to play the middle.

After a 3-5 start it looked as though SSC would begin to gell. But a close loss to Jersey City before vacation and the dethroning of the Blue Jay Tournament title early this month seemed to start the snowball rolling.

Sedric Baker did not return to school in January. Baker, along with Sullivan, were the starting guards when the season began and it was thought that Sullivan, who was a senior co-captain along with Garrison, would help SSC through its early stages as he was described as a "team player" and always willing to help with the younger players.

Now, after finishing with its best record ever last year, SSC faces the distinct possibilty of not winning another game this season.

It's too late to start over and too early to call it a season for the troubled Gulls.

SSC (46)— Garrison 4-0-8, Dickerson 4-2-10, Sponaugle 1-2-4, Berens 11-2-24. (Totals 20 6-7 46)

GSC (72)— James 4-2-10, Barbera 3-0-6, Martin 6-0-12, Selby 8-1-17, Bond 5-0-10, Williams 4-0-8, King 1-1-3, Smith 3-0-6. (Totals 34 4-9 72)

SSC Hoop Road Miseries Continue

Gulls Drop Seventh Straight Away Game

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

BALTIMORE — Salisbury State College basketball coach Ward Lambert said he's going to be glad to get off the road after the Sea Gulls dropped their seventh consecutive road game, 88-53, to the University of Maryland Baltimore County here Thursday night. The loss puts SSC's season mark at a sagging 4-12 while UMBC moves to 8-7.

Turnovers again were a big factor in the SSC loss as the Gulls had 29 miscues. SSC had an average of 15 turnovers a game going into last night's contest.

Salisbury also continued to have shooting problems hitting only 36 percent from the field while UMBC sank 45 percent of its field goal attempts.

Rounding out the troublesome areas for SSC last night was rebounding. The Gulls were topped 52-32 on the boards as UMBC took 30 shots more than the Gulls.

The game was close through the first 13 minutes as it looked like Salisbury might break its losing streak. But UMBC got up by six points at the 6:50 mark and then took a commanding 42-26 lead at the half. Eighteen of SSC's turnovers came in the first half.

Rob Holcomb paced UMBC with 14 points while teammate Paige Elliott added 13.

Tim Sponaugle led the Sea Gulls with 12 points. John Berens contributed 11 points while Morris Dickerson added 10.

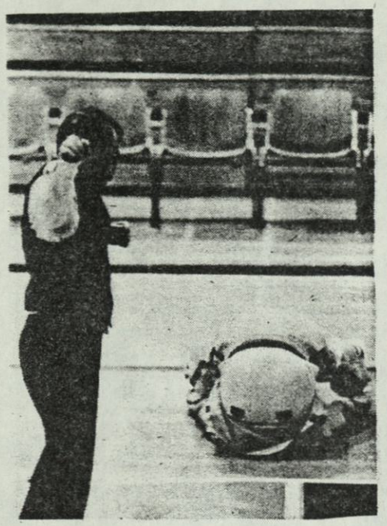
Salisbury did take the advantage at the line hitting 11-of-14 while UMBC shot just 4-of-9 from the charity stripe.

Salisbury will end its nine-game road trip with a game against St. Mary's College on Saturday. Lambert said that St. Mary's should field a team more comparable to Salisbury.

The Gulls return home on Feb. 3 to host UMBC.

SSC (53)
Levere 2-1-5, Adams 1-1-3, Garrison 3-0-6, Dickerson 4-2-10, Sponaugle 6-0-12, Livingston 1-0-2, Gott 0-4-4, Berens 5-1-11. (Totals 22 11-14 53)

UMBC (88)
Nance 4-0-8, Moreled 4-0-8, Elliott 6-1-13, Farrell 4-0-8, Galloway 1-0-2, Holcomb 7-0-14, Bines 4-1-9, Cottman 3-0-6, Mong 5-1-11, Richards 2-1-5, McMullen 2-0-4. (Totals 42 4-9 88)



SSC Falls To 4-13 On Cage Season

ST. MARY'S — Victory once again eluded the Salisbury State Men's Basketball team Saturday night as the Sea Gulls dropped a 71-60 decision here at the hands of St. Mary's College.

Although the Gulls led 56-55 with 5:11 left, St. Mary's rallied to pull ahead 63-60 at the 2:11 mark. SSC Coach Ward Lambert said his team played well until the very end, but the opposing team got hot towards the final minutes.

John Berens was the leading scorer for the 4-13 Gulls with 20 points. SSC will next play the University of Maryland Baltimore County Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at SSC.

SSC (60)

Levere 1 0-0 2; Adams 1 0-0 2; Garrison 3 1-1 7; Dickerson 6 2-2 14; Sponaugle 7 1-2 15; Berens 8 4-4 20 (Totals: 26 8-9 60)

St. Mary's (71)

Hawkins 11 1-2 23; Hill 10 2-4 22; Borge 3 0-0 6; Krancevyk 1 0-0 2; Lewis 1 0-0 2; Norris 2 0-0 4; Kapner 6 0-0 12 (Totals: 34 3-6 71)

Halftime score St. Mary's 37-32

PRE-GAME DISCO. Salisbury State College assistant trainer Pete Sauer puts on a dancing act in this sequel of photos prior to SSC's Tuesday night game against the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Sauer, a New York native at Salisbury State working toward a master's degree in biology, picked up on the idea at a recent St. Mary's game. Disco music was being played and Sauer, who puts the Gulls through their normal pre-game warm-ups, decided to add some antics to the music in an effort to loosen up the Sea Gull cagers, much to the delight of the crowds. Sauer was formally the head trainer at American University in Washington, D.C. before deciding to further his education. SSC lost the game, however. (Times photo by Sam Mayo)

Berens' 31 Wasted As SSC Bows

By SPERO TSHONTIKIDIS
Times Correspondent

Utilizing their tremendous height advantage, the University of Maryland Baltimore County was able to defeat a stubborn Salisbury State team 90-74 here Tuesday night.

UMBC was led by Reggie Nance underneath and the outside shooting of Juan Holcomb. Both Nance and Holcomb finished with with double figures, scoring 25 and 16 points, respectively.

Fowards John Berens and Tim Sponagle kept the Gulls in contention throughout the contest. Berens led all scorers with 31 points while Sponagle added 16 more.

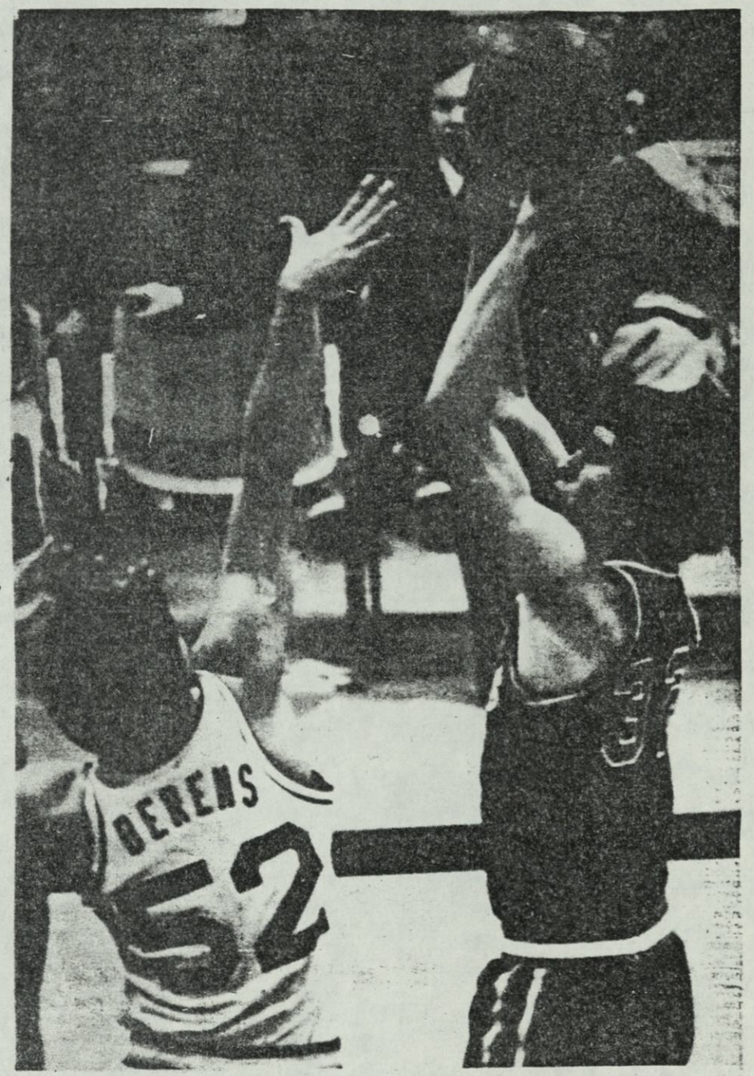
Score summary

Salisbury (74)

Levere 2-7-11; Adams 3-2-11; Garrison 3-0-6; Dickerson 1-0-2; Sponagle 5-6-16; Berens 12-7-31 (Totals: 26-22-74)

UMBC (90)

Farrell 4-0-8; Cottman 1-0-2; Mobley 3-0-6; Nance 12-1-25; Moreland 3-0-6; Galloway 3-1-7; Elliot 5-0-10; Mang 5-0-10; Holcomb 8-0-16 (Totals: 44-2-90)



SCORING TWO — Jeff Moreland of the University of Maryland Baltimore County is seen here going up for two points as John Berens of Salisbury State College makes an effort in vain to stop the score. The Gulls' played Tuesday night against UMBC and lost 98-74. (Times photo by Sam Mayo)

Gull Cagers Hope To End 9-Game Skid

By SPERO TSHONTIKIDIS
Times Correspondent

The Salisbury State College basketball team will attempt to get back on the winning track Saturday night at 8 p.m. when the Gulls take on Rutgers University at Newark in Maggs Gym.

The Gulls, who fell 90-74 to a strong University of Maryland Baltimore County here Tuesday night, hope to pull themselves out of the slump which has left the team with a 4-14 record and nine straight losses. With a strong team effort and a repeat of outstanding showings by guards Louis Adams and Mo Dickerson along with forwards Tim Sponagle and John Berens, who led all scorers with 31 points in the UMBC game, the Gulls have a good chance of winning their fifth game of the season.

The SSC women's team will get the basketball under way with a 4 p.m. contest slated at Maggs Gym against Stockton State of New Jersey.

SSC Turns Out Lights On Newark

By SPERO TSHONTIKIDIS
Times Correspondent

Where were you when the lights when out in Salisbury?

If Salisbury State College coach Ward Lambert has his way about it, the power shortage will become a usual thing as the Sea Gulls snapped a nine-game losing streak en route to a 50-42 victory over Rutgers-Newark here Saturday night.

The Gull hoopsters, utilizing a slow-paced offensive attack and strong rebounding, held off a talented Rutgers-Newark squad to score a long awaited victory.

The contest was delayed some 30 minutes. At the 3:11 mark all power at Maggs Gymnasium went out.

Finishing the first half with a 14-9 lead, due to the Gulls' stalling strategy, guards Lewis Adams and Mo Dickerson displayed excellent ball handling abilities, while tiring the Raider defense by forcing coverage just inside half court.

Forward John Berens took control underneath in the second half, however, scoring 20 points, while Adams and Dickerson tallied 12 apiece.

The Raiders were led by freshman guard David Lee who finished with 13 points and senior center Carl DeFronzo who added 12 more.

The victory gives the Gulls a 5-13 record going into tonight's contest at Mary Washington College at 8 p.m.

Scoring:
SSC: Berens 10-0-20; Adams 5-2-12; Levere 1-0-2; Garrison 1-0-2; Dickerson 5-2-12; Sponaugle 1-0-2 (Totals 23-4-50)
R-N: Cain 1-0-2; DeFronzo 5-2-12; Eady 1-1-3; Jackson 3-0-6; McNeil 1-0-2; Lee 6-1-13; Poyner 1-0-2; Richardson 1-2-4; (Totals 19-6-42)

SSC Falls On Money Tosses

FREDRICKSBURG, Va. — Tim Money sank a pair of free throws with 24 seconds left in the game to lift host Mary Washington College to a 73-72 come-from-behind win over visiting Salisbury State College here Monday night.

SSC led 40-32 at the intermission and led for the entire second half until Money netted the two charity tosses in the closing seconds to send the Sea Gulls reeling to another loss.

John Carroll led the winners with 23 points while John Berens pace SSC by tossing in 18 markers.

Gary Levere chipped in 14, Tim Sponaugle netted 12 and Lewis Adams and Mo Dickerson combined for 20 SSC points.

SSC outrebounded Mary Washington 45-41, the Gulls outshot the host 45-41 percent from the floor and held an 85-75 percent lead from the foul line but still lost the game.

The Gulls will next see action Wednesday night at home against Lincoln.

(SSC 72)
Berens 8 2-3 18, Levere 6 2-2 14, Sponaugle 6 0-0 12, Adams 4 2-3 10, Dickerson 5 0-0 10, Dorcy 2 2-2 6, Gott 1 0-0 2, Garrision 0 0-0 0. (Totals: 32 8-10 72).

(MW) 73)
Carroll 11 1-2 23, Gilmore 6 2-5 14, Watts 4 2-3 10, Money 2 4-4 8, Mickel 2 2-2 6, Thompson 2 2-2 6, Reiley 1 2-2 4, Wilson 1 0-0 2. (Totals: 29 15-20 73)
Halftime score: SSC 40, MW 32

Salisbury State Five Has Scores To Settle

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

PHILADELPHIA — There's an awful lot of ground to be made up for the Salisbury State College basketball team in the next two games. A couple scores to be settled you might say.

The Sea Gulls have a combined 1-15 record against its next two opponents in the past several years. Salisbury travels to Lincoln College Monday to face a team which has beat them 13 times and then faces Lynchburg College in Virginia on Thursday to play the stubborn Hornets.

Granted, a lot has changed since the Gulls last played Lincoln in 1974-75. A matter of fact, Salisbury was just beginning to have a change in luck as it defeated Lincoln 77-61 for the first time in the teams' last meeting.

But the Gulls have had more recent trouble against the Lynchburg Hornets of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference, losing both its contests two years ago.

SSC will have some trouble matching Lincoln's size on Monday. That's a problem the the Gulls faced against Lynchburg in the past. This time around, without Lynchburg's graduated 6-10 center E.D. Schechterly, the Gulls should matchup better with the Hornets.

Lincoln is off to a slow 1-4 start but have played some tough teams. Lynchburg is playing without Schechterly for the first time in four years and has a 3-2 record. The only common opponent has been Lehman. While the Gulls lost to Lehman by one point in the Washington College Tournament, the Hornets defeated Lehman 78-65 earlier this season.

One bonus for caoch Ward Lambert and the Sea Gulls is that they will be facing Division III teams — something which is a near rarity at SSC these days. But the Gulls are in the midst of a nine-game road trip and playing away from home is never easy — especially when you go to Lynchburg.

"They (Hornets) play with a lot of confidence at home," remembers Lambert. "They just pick their spots and shoot," he said.

While Schechterly had 15 and 21 points against the Gulls respectively, Salisbury was really hurt by the 25-foot jumpers from now graduated Bobby Layne and Wayne Davis. With not so much attention having to be placed down low, the Gulls hope to have a better chance against the Hornets this time around.

Salisbury will host both Lincoln and Lynchburg in February.

Jefferson FTs Secure Lincoln Win Over SSC

By SPERO TSHONTIKIDIS
Times Correspondent

With just 21 seconds remaining in a well played, fast-paced basketball game, Teddy Jefferson sank two free throws to secure victory as the Salisbury State College hoopsters dropped a 57-52 heartbreaker to Lincoln (Pa.) University at SSC Wednesday night.

Utilizing their great height advantage over the Gulls, Lincoln was able to snatch several offensive rebounds allowing them more opportunities to score. Donnie Starling, a 6'4" forward from Philadelphia, led Lincoln underneath with 14 points. Jefferson was second in scoring for Lincoln with 10 points.

The Gulls, led by superstar John Berens (who incidentially hails from Lincoln, Del.), played aggresively on both offense and defense. Berens snatched several key rebounds and led all scorers tallying 23 points. Tim Sponaugle, (a Berens teammate on the state championship Cape Henlopen High School team four years ago) who re-injured his right knee in the second half, was able to return after treatment and score 11 points. Defensively, Salisbury guards Mo Dickerson, Lewis Adams and Tom Darcy kept Lincoln's initial offensive play from the outside while Berens, Sponaugle, George Garrison, and Gary Levere defensed the net underneath.

Trailing 24-20 at the half, the Gulls came back in the second half behind Berens' hot hand and were leading by one point when with 28 seconds remaining Chuck Harris sank two free throws to put Lincoln back in the lead. Salisbury was unable to score and Jefferson was fouled in desperation to regain possession. After Jefferson's free throws, Levere scored on a fast break but Lincoln scored two more times to clinch a 57-52 victory.

Scoring:
Lincoln (57)
Gibson 2-4-8, Starling 6-2-14, Best 2-2-6, Adamson 1-0-2, Jefferson 3-4-10, Harris 2-4-8, Arnold 2-1-5, Thompson 1-0-2, Dorsey 1-0-2
(Totals 20-17-57)
Salisbury (52)
Levere 1-1-3, Adams 1-3-5, Garrison 1-0-2, Dickerson 3-2-8, Sponaugle 3-5-11, Berens 8-7-23
(Totals 17-18-52)
Halftime score: Lincoln 24-20

Berens' Jumper Gives SSC Win

By SPERO TSHONTIKIDIS
Times Correspondent

In what was probably their most exciting game of the season, the Salisbury State College basketball team came from behind Friday night to defeat the Pioneers of Rutgers-Camden on a 14-foot fadeaway by John Berens, 49-48.

With two minutes remaining in the contest and trailing 46-45, Berens made a superb steal and passed to Lewis Adams who put the Gulls ahead 47-46. Seconds later the Pioneers' Marvin Young slipped underneath and put Camden back on top 48-47. After regaining possession, the Gulls stalled until the final 6 seconds when Berens shot his game-winning bucket.

The Gulls, now 6-14, were once again paced by Berens. Finishing with 17 points, Berens dominated the court both offensively and defensively. Freshman guard Adams was second in scoring for the Gulls, tallying 12 points.

The Pioneers, who were winning by a three point margin at the half, were led by center Young's 14 points. Forwards John Young and Mike Switlyk were second in scoring for the Pioneers finishing with 8 points each.

The absence of forward Tim Sponaugle, because of a knee injury, was evident in the Gulls play underneath. Salisbury will take to the court again Monday night against Lynchburg College at Maggs Gym.

Scoring summary:
Rutgers-Camden: Nelson 2 2-3 6, J.Young 4 0-0 8, Moore 3 0-0 6, M. Young 5 4-4 14, Carson 1 0-0 2, Switlyk 4 0-0 8, Strawn 2 0-0 4 (Totals: 21 6-7 48)
Salisbury: Levere 2 2-3 6, Adams 6 0-0 12, Garrison 2 0-0 4, Dickerson 3 0-0 6, Gott 2 0-0 4, Berens 8 1-2 17 (Totals: 23 3-5 49)
Halftime score: Rutgers-Camden 20-17

BATTLING. Mike Switlyk (51) of Rutgers University battles Salisbury State College's George Garrison (20) in a game at SSC Friday night. The Sea Gulls won the contest, 49-48. (Photo By Sam Mayo)

DRIVING. Nickolas Moore (21) of Rutgers-Camden University drives to the basket in a game at Salisbury State College Friday night. Lewis Adams (10) watches Moore's drive. (Photo By Sam Mayo)

Gulls Try To Smother Hornet Sting

SSC To Host Lynchburg

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

The Lynchburg College Hornets will swarm into Salisbury State College for a Division III basketball game against the Sea Gulls Monday night,.

Even after Friday night's encouraging one-point victory over Rutgers University (Camden), the Sea Gulls certainly are not in a position to turn things around with just four games left. But a victory against Lynchburg would lessen the pain of an awfully long season plagued with both narrow defeats, injuries and the absense of players.

Salisbury has played Lynchburg College (of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference) three times with little or no success. The Gulls have lost all three meetings by double figure scores. The most recent loss was on January 15 of this year when the Gulls dropped a 33-point decision to the Division III Hornets who are always tough on their home floor in a packed Turner Gymnasium.

The home court, however, shouldn't give the Gulls any advantage as crowds have been thin all year long at SSC. What advantage the Gulls do have, must come from within themselves. And with last month's loss, incentive should not be difficult to find.

SSC coach Ward Lambert has rolled with the punches well this year and has made the best of a bad situation. Lambert, who usually remains relatively calm on the bench, will be contrasted Wayne Proffitt, Lynchburg fiery coach.

Proffitt's normally a show by himself as he storms courtside with the sound of every whistle. So far his tactics have worked against SSC. But this year the Hornets and Proffitt are without their 6-10 center E.D. Schecterly who graduated last year.

The absence of the Hornet big man didn't matter in the last contest as the Hornets played well in transition, keeping the Gulls off stride. Salisbury state's tallest player, George Garrison (6-6) has been quite most of the year offensively and doesn't figure to be a scoring factor against LC tomorrow night.

John Berens, however, does figure heavily into the Gull offense. It was Berens last second shot Friday night that won the game for SSC and it has been Berens who has led the scoring most of the season from his strong foward position. Lynchburg, like most teams, will have its hands full trying to hold the Sea Gull foward to less than 20 points.

With an 0-3 record against the pesty Hornets, Salisbury will try to break the Lyncbhurg jinx while trying to put together back-to-back wins fir the first time this year at 8 p.m.

SSC Comeback Barely Falls Short

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

Mathew McCargo saved the best for last.

While the Salisbury State College basketball team was trying to battle back from a seven-point deficit against Lynchburg College Monday night, it was the 6-6 McCargo who put the damper on what would have been the most dramatic comeback of the season for the Sea Gulls. Instead, SSC fell for the fourth straight time to the Hornets, 67-66.

SSC's performance was far superior to the last time these teams met in January when LC routed Salisbury, 104-71. But it was the ever present McCargo who stiffled SSC's victory hopes.

With eight minutes left in the game, McCargo took an offensive rebound back up for his second dunk of the night giving the Hornets a comfortable 53-46 lead.

Seven minutes later, with SSC closing in behind the hot shooting hand of Tim Sponaugle, McCargo slipped through on the baseline to record a reverse slam dunk. The score put LC ahead 63-57 at the 1:17 mark but the Hornet center was also charged with a technical for hanging on the rim. Hornet coach Wayne Proffitt argued the call but that didn't help as Morris Dickerson sank the technical to put the Gulls within five points.

Several seconds later John Berens missed two free throws for the Sea Gulls. LC answered with a pair from the line by Dorsey Bumbrey.

Then it was McCargo using his jumping ability again as he blocked two shots in a row with less than a minute to go in the contest.

Salisbury drew within five at the :37 second mark as Gary Levere sank a field goal.

After a timeout called by Salisbury coach Ward Lambert, Lynchburg could not get the inbound pass off in time as SSC took possession. Sponaugle responded with a field goal at the :32 second mark as SSC used another time with the score 65-62.

Bumbrey put the visitors back up by five with a pair from the charity stripe with 30 seconds left.

Not giving up, Salisbury made a go at it fouling Bumbrey again with 23 seconds left. This time the 6-5 foward missed on the front end of a one-and-one. Salisbury brought the ball up quickly as Sponaugle drew a foul. The consistent Sponaugle calmly sank bought free throws to make the score 67-64.

Pressure defense by Salisbury again caught Lynchburg off-guard as the Hornets turned the ball over with three seconds left. Levere sank the final field goal at the :01 mark but it was not enough for the Sea Gulls.

The game began on an up note as Berens, a 6-5 junior foward from Lincoln, Del., scored his 1001 career point at the 19:08 mark of the first half. Berens helped give SSC a 20-17 lead by the 6:20 mark of the first half as he scored 12 points in the opening stretch.

Lynchburg, however, battled back and took a 29-28 lead into the lockerrom at the half.

The Hornets got second half firepower from guard Jeff Huffman. The 6-2 foward from Dry Fork, Va., repeatedly sank 18-foot jump shots from the left side after it look like the SSC defense was impenetrable. Huffman ended the contest with 16 points.

Berens led the Gulls with 18 points while Dickerson added 13.

Salisbury's next game is Feb. 21 at York College.

LYNCHBURG (67)
Huffman 8-0-16, Fitzpatrick 4-2-10, Bumbrey 4-3-11, McCargo 9-0-18, Tobel 2-0-4, Mann 2-0-4, Hammersley 2-0-4. (Totals 31-5-67)
SALISBURY (66)
Levere 4-0-8, Berens 8-2-18, Adams 4-2-10, Garrison 2-0-4, Dickerson 6-1-13, Sponaugle 3-5-11, Gott 1-0-2. (Totals 28-10-66)

Berens Outstanding But SSC Falls 91-86

YORK, Pa. — York College got a combined total of 75 points from of Cornell Chappell, Eric Morris and Troy Bell, all three guards, and handed visiting Salisbury State College a 91-86 college basketball setback in Saturday night action here.

Chappell led the winners by pouring in 29 points while Morris fired in 24 and Bell netted 22.

SSC's John Berens took game scoring honors with 33 points and also grabbed 17 rebounds while playing a fine all-around game. Tim Sponaugle added 18 points and dished out five assists in 26 minutes of playing time. Sponaugle is still hobbled by a leg injury.

York took a slim 38-37 lead into the lockerroom at intermission before Morris came out and bombed in 22 points in the second half to help the Spartans maintian a seven point lead for most of the half.

The Sea Gulls are now 6-18 for the year and will close the season with two home games as Tuesday night SSC entertains St. Mary's and Saturday Frostburg State will collide with the Gulls.

St. Mary's defeated the SSC 70-61 in an earlier meeting while Frostburg nipped the Gulls 74-70 in a previous contest.

SSC (86)
Levere 5 0-1 10, Adams 0 0-0 0, Darcy 2 0-0 4, Garrison 1 0-0 2, Dickerson 7 0-0 14, Gassaway 1 0-0 2, Sponaugle 8 2-4-18, Livingston 0 1-2 1, Gott 1 0-1 2, Berens 12 9-11 33. (Totals: 37 12-18 86)
YC (91)
Chappell 14 1-2 29, Johnson 6 0-0 12, Moyer 2 0-1 4, Bell 10 2-2 22, Morris 9 6-7 24, Shay 0 0-0 0. (Totals: 41 9-12 91)

Former Star Going 'Down Under'

Sports of The Times

By Rick Cullen,
Times Sports Editor

The name Howard Shockley was one of the most talked about in Salisbury State athletic history. A gifted basketball star, who set the all-time SSC scoring and rebounding records during a three-year stretch of the middle-70s, Shockley, a Snow Hill native, seemed to drift away from the college. Little has been heard from him since.

And then the other day, out of nowhere, the name popped up again. Shockley, now 25, returned to SSC in the fall. He still has another year of athletic eligibility left, but instead of joining the basketball team Shockley practiced each night with the Sea Gulls. His weight, which had ballooned to 260 pounds on his muscular 6-6 frame, has been trimmed some 30 pounds since the school year began.

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Shockley has been presented with a gift- a gift of a lifetime. The young man, who possessed all the physical tools, but the object of numerous coaching headaches in his playing days, will leave this weekend for Australia. It seems Shockley will pass up his senior year to join an Australian Amateur Basketball League, situated in Melbourne.

The opportunity presented itself in this manner:

"Bob Hillman returned for a visit not long ago and we were discussing Howard," said SSC head coach Ward Lambert, Shockley's coach during those stormy, but fruitful years of 1973 through 1976.

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Hillman, a 6-3 forward back in his playing days at SSC, went to Australia seven years ago to teach English. While there he joined the Australian League and found the style of play, under international rules where the ball in almost constantly in play and few fouls are whistled. The style of play fitted Hillman's game to a tee. One year he averaged 22.0 points per game, but while he was in college Hillman was not of the star variety on Lambert's team.

Shockley always had a dream of playing basketball professionally. It's now conceivable he may get his wish. The Aussies were interested in Shockley, signed him, have given him air fare, a job as manager of the basketball arena and are looking to improve their fortunes with the Eastern Shoreman.

Shockley has in his possession a passport and visa and is said to be very enthusiastic about playing "down under."

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The playing opportunity can serve to showcase his abilities to the more lucrative European Leagues. The Aussie team, which features two members of the Australian Olympic Team, plays year around and makes three to four overseas trips per year.

Lambert feels Shockley should do well overseas. "He's still got to lose another 20 pounds, but that will come," Lambert said. "Howard, always an outstanding defensive player, has improved his offensive game tremendously. The league he will be playing in is called a club league. It's the best the country offers and there's no age limit."

When at SSC, Shockley set the school's rebounding mark of 1,299 in three seasons, a record Lambert says will not likely ever be broken. Shockley also tallied 1,519 points in just three campaigns.

Sea Gulls Lose To Saints; End Up On Saturday

By SPERO TSHONTIKIDIS
Times Correspondent

The St. Mary's College basketball team rebounded from a 38-37 halftime deficit to defeat the Salisbury State College 88-80 at SSC Tuesday night.

The Saints were led by guards Terrance Hawkins and Bobby Hill who tallied 23 points each. Bryan Barge followed the duo with 15 while forward Phil Kepner finished with 13 points.

St. Mary's clinched the contest with 31 seconds remaining when Hawkins scored from underneath to put them ahead 82-78. A controversial out-of-bounds call during Salisbury's attempt to bring the ball back in play, gave the Saints possession and Hawkins scored again to give St. Mary's an 84-78 lead.

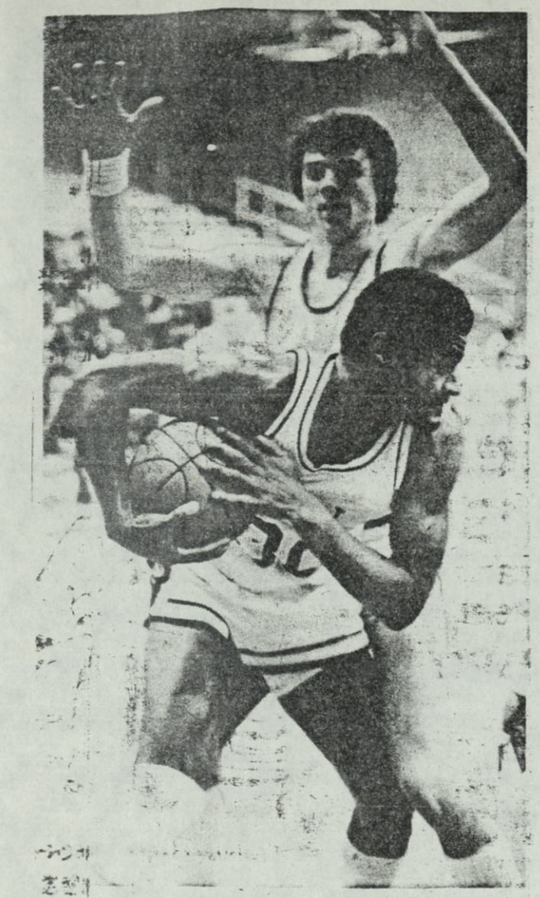
Tim Sponaugle and John Berens scored high for the Gulls, finishing with 27 and 25 points, respectively. Pairing for 22 field goals and 8-of-10 free-throws, the two forwards kept the Gulls in contention throughout the game. With 56 seconds remaining in the contest, Berens found Sponaugle underneath, leaving Salisbury trailing the Saints 80-78. At this point the win seemed attainable until Hawkins clinched the victory.

Senior guard Mo Dickerson was third in scoring for the Gulls with 12 points, while center George Garrison collected four more field goals.

The Gulls will conclude the season Saturday night when they meet Frostburg State College at Maggs Gym. An alumni game is scheduled to take place prior to the contest.

St. Marys (88) Hawkins 11 1-2 23, Barge 7 1-2 15, Hill 9 5-6 23, Lewis 3 3-4 9, Norris 2 1-1 5, Kegner 6 1-1 13 (Totals: 38 12-16 88)
Salisbury (80) Levere 3 0-0 6, Adams 1 0-2 2, Garrison 4 0-0 8, Dickerson 6 0-1 12, Sponaugle 10 7-8 27, Berens 12 1-2 25 (Totals: 36 8-13 80).

BASELINE JUMPER. Tim Sponaugle (40) of Salisbury State College feels pressure from behind on this baseline jump shot from St. Mary's Phil Kepner (42) during Tuesday night's second half action at SSC. St. Mary's rallied from a slight halftime deficit to knock off the Sea Gulls, who close out their season at home Saturday when entertaining Frostburg State College. John Berens (52) is partially hidden from the action and Garry Levere (4) looks on. (Times photo by Sam Mayo)



TO RETURN. Jim Hunt (with rebound), one of the rougher players to ever don the Salisbury State College basketball uniform, will return for Saturday night's preliminary game before the final game of the season for the SSC varsity against Frostburg State. Hunt is a 1980 grad. (Times Photo)

SSC Cage Grads Set To Battle

On Saturday at 6 p.m. the old Salisbury State grads dust off their athletic skills to engage in a basketball game against the SSC jayvee team. This game will precede the varsity's final game of the season against cross-state rival Frostburg State College.

Jim Hunt ('80), Gary Kelly ('78), Paul Capodanno ('80), Paul Arnold ('80), Al Tomlin ('78), Ty Mills ('78), and Ty Marshall ('79) will be representing the two top teams record-wise in modern SSC history.

In addition Jeff Sheets ('79), Joe Schmidt ('77), Sylvester Burke ('75), Mark Johnson ('74), Gilbert Jenkins ('73) and Phil Taylor ('73) will bring back old memories as they pound up and down the hardwoods.

This array represents 11 of the top 35 all time scorers in SSC history with Ty Mills heading the list with 1,151 career points, placing him fourth on the all time list. Also eight of the top 30 rebounders will be suited up. This contingent will be headed by Sylvester Burke currently the fourth best rebounder in Gull history with 751 career retrieves.

This contest should rekindle many stories of bygone games as well as be a tribute to the players who helped lay the foundation for SSC basketball.

In the nitecap, the Gulls will be trying to end their season on a high note as they try to earn a split with the Bobcats. The Gulls dropped a January tilt at Frostburg 74-70 in a hotly contested game where several crucial calls seemed to decide the contest.

SSC Saves Best For Last Game

By MICK CALVACCA
Times Sports Staff

Salisbury State College basketball coach Ward Lambert called it the best game his team had played all year. Unfortunately for the Sea Gulls, it was also the final game of the season.

Salisbury, behind John Berens 31 points and Morris Dickerson's 24 points, defeated Frostburg State College in a convincing fashion, 100-84 Friday night after losing to Frostburg 74-70 earlier in the year.

The Sea Gulls, who finish 7-19, never fell behind as they opened a 31-23 lead at the 6:53 mark in the first half. That was the closest Frostburg would get to catching the Gulls.

"We moved the ball well," said Lambert. The SSC coach said that the Gull's ability to establish an inside game early later led to numerous fastbreaks in the second half.

Salisbury shot a sizzling 60.5 percent from the field while Frostburg managed to sink just 46 percent of its shots.

The Gulls dominated the boards 45-27 as Berens yanked down 11 rebounds while Tim Sponaugle had nine.

Steve Liller led the visitors with 20 points while Brian Walker added 12 markers.

Dickerson's 24-point performance was his season high. It was also Dickerson's final game at SSC as the Pocomoke native is graduated in May.

The win, while not helping the record much, was important as it capped off a recent turn around for the Gulls.

Lambert said the trun around began when they returned from their nine-game road trip. The Gulls hosted University of Maryland Baltimore County and lost 90-74 but began to gell after losing several players after the mid-year break. Salisbury then played several close one and two-point contests and gained some confidence down the stretch while picking up a few wins.

The heart of the SSC squad will be returning next year. Led Berens and Sponaugle, Lambert is hoping that he will not have to start entirely from scratch while trying to avoid any more nine-game road stretches.

FROSTBURG (84) Walker 5-2-12, Seiter 3-0-6, Liller 10-0-20, Porter 4-2-10, Walsh 1-1-3, Gallagher 0-2-2, McLister 5-0-10, McCarthy 2-0-4, Hampton 2-2-6, Dudley 1-0-2, Walter 3-0-6, Greenley 1-0-2. (Totals 37 10-13 84)
SALISBURY (100) Levere 7-0-14, Adams 4-4-12, Darcy 2-2-6, Garrison 1-0-2, Dickerson 11-2-24, Sponaugle 2-5-9, Livingston 1-0-2, Berens 14-3-31. (Totals 42 16-20 100)

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